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

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A close-up portrait of Jonathan Cahn, a man with dark curly hair and a full beard, wearing a black shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a thoughtful expression, resting his chin on his hand. A gold ring is visible on his finger.

Jonathan Cahn
An End Time Prophet to America



Observations by the Editor

The Trigger Point

In 2003 a book of mine was published that was titled *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy*. It has since been re-published in two subsequent editions, one in 2006 and the latest in 2009.

I began the book by writing about how God deals with nations. I showed from Scripture a series of 7 principles that govern how God relates to a nation. I pointed out that when a nation begins to rebel against God, He will send prophets to call the people to repentance, and if they ignore the prophets, He will then send remedial judgments. If the people persist in their rebellion there will come a “trigger point” when God will deliver the nation from judgment to destruction.

The trigger point is revealed in the book of Nahum.

The prophet Nahum came on the scene 150 years after Jonah. Like Jonah, he was called of God to preach to Nineveh. But, unlike Jonah, he was not sent to call the people to repentance. Rather, he was told to inform them that the time had arrived for their destruction. This warning was in accordance with God’s character, for He never pours out His wrath without warning.

In Nahum 1:11 God reveals the reason for His unalterable decision to destroy the city and its empire: “From you has gone forth one who plotted evil against the Lord, a wicked counselor.” Thus, the trigger point of God’s wrath is when neglect or rejection of Him turns to war against Him. In response, God declared, “Your wound is incurable” (Nahum 3:19). In short, their fate was sealed.

A contemporary of Nahum’s, the prophet Jeremiah, spoke of the same principle regarding God’s relationship to Judah. He proclaimed that the nation’s wound was “incurable” (Jeremiah 30:12). He added, “There is no one to plead your cause, no healing for your sore, no recovery for you” (Jeremiah 30:13).

The Point of No Return

One chilling point is that the Bible teaches that when a nation reaches this point of no return — this point where “the wound becomes incurable” — prayer is



Dr. David R. Reagan

no longer of any avail. Thus, Jeremiah was told by God that he was not to pray for the deliverance of Judah! “Do not pray for this people, and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you” (Jeremiah 7:16). Later, God made this same point again in even stronger terms: “Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not be with this people; send them away from My presence and let them go!” (Jeremiah 15:1).

Ezekiel was told the same thing when he tried to pray for Judah, but in even stronger terms. God named three of the most righteous men who had ever lived — Job, Noah, and Daniel — and He told Ezekiel that even their prayers could not deliver the nation from His wrath (Ezekiel 14:12-21). “I have set My face against them,” the Lord concluded (Ezekiel 15:7).

God is patient and longsuffering. But He cannot be mocked. “Whatever you devise against the Lord, He will make a complete end of it” (Nahum 1:9). God will ultimately deal with the sin of every nation. “The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished” (Nahum 1:3). Some nations will be destroyed before the Great Tribulation begins, but all nations will taste God’s wrath during that terrible period of international judgment.

I believe the trigger point for our nation occurred in November 2012 when President Obama was re-elected. We have ignored the prophets and the remedial judgments. God has responded by giving us the kind of leader we deserve. We are now positioned to be delivered from judgment to destruction. ❖

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AN END TIME PROPHETIC MESSAGE TO AMERICA

Jonathan Cahn

[Editor's note: Jonathan Cahn is the author of the best selling book, *The Harbinger*. This article contains a speech he made at the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfast on January 21, 2013. This presentation placed him on the cutting edge of prophetic voices that are warning America of its impending doom if it does not repent of its grievous sins. Jonathan Cahn is the spiritual leader of the Beth Israel Worship Center in Wayne, New Jersey. This article contains only a portion of Rabbi Cahn's presentation and is reprinted here in edited form by his permission.]

Members of the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfast Committee, Senators, Members of Congress, Governors and government representatives, Ambassadors and delegates from other nations, ministers and people of God, friends, and media.

We are gathered here in Washington, D.C., America's capital city, on January 21, 2013, the morning of the Presidential Inauguration, with one agenda and one purpose, to come before the Lord and in His presence to seek His face and pray for His blessing, His will, and His purposes to be accomplished for this nation, for its government, for its leaders, for its president, and for its people. And it is fitting that we do this on this day which more than any other represents the future of our nation. We are here to inaugurate God's own purposes.

We've come here from every part of this land and from every background and persuasion to stand before the Almighty, who transcends politics, movements, and men, and before whom kings and kingdoms rise and fall. Presidents change, political parties come, from ages past, and go, and nations ascend and descend, but we come before Him who changes not but who remains the same yesterday, today and forever. We come before Him, before whom men and women, kings and prophets, peoples and nations have come to seek His face in troubled times. We come to pray for America.

But how do we do that? How do we pray for America? Do we pray for riches, for power, for the success of our national agendas? The Scripture tells us that God hears the prayers of His people, but that we must pray according to His will. If a man has a terminal disease, we don't pray for an increase in wealth, we

pray for healing. And if a city lies in danger of destruction, we don't speak flowery words, we sound the alarm. We pray for blessing. But true blessing only comes in the will of God. So we must pray according to that will.

And we must not be afraid to speak the truth. We must give voice what must be spoken. We must sound the alarm that must be sounded. We must address what must be addressed. And so this message will not be politically correct, nor will it be political. It will be biblical. It will be true. And wherever it falls, so be it. I will not hold back. And if I offend you, I apologize but I cannot apologize for offending you. Without truth, there is no love. On a day that so embodies the future course of our nation, it is critical that we must both pray and speak what is true.

The Tragedy of Ancient Israel



God never pours out His wrath without warning. He sends prophets and remedial judgments before He delivers a nation to destruction.

In ancient times, there was a nation known as the kingdom of Israel. It had been founded on God's word, dedicated to His will, and consecrated to His purposes. And God blessed it with prosperity, power, security, peace and a place at the head of nations. But the people of Israel made a fatal mistake. In the midst of their blessings, they turned away from God. They began to remove Him from their lives. Step by step they ruled Him out of their culture, out of their government, out of their economy, out of their public square, out of the instruction and lives of their children. They ruled Him out of the kingdom. They would still at times invoke His name, but it was increasingly hollow and meaningless. They had made themselves strangers to the God of their fathers and their foundation.

And as God was driven from their lives, they brought in foreign gods and idols to replace Him, gods of sensuality, materialism, violence, idols of wealth, carnality, and sexual promiscuity. They abandoned the ways of God, the laws of God, the standards of God for immorality. As the prophets cried out, they now called evil, "good," and good, "evil." What they once knew to be immoral, they now celebrated, and what they once knew to be right, they now warred against. It was a culture turned in upon itself, a civilization at war against the very foundation on which it had been established.

And the righteous, who simply remained true to what they had once all known to be true, were now vilified, marginalized,

mocked, labeled “intolerant,” increasingly banned from the public square, and, ultimately, persecuted. The nation’s culture grew increasingly vulgar, godless, and darkened. They now defiled, ridiculed, and blasphemed the name of God.

It was as if a spiritual amnesia had overtaken the kingdom, as if they had never known God or His ways. And they descended into the darkest sins of the nations which surrounded them. They offered up their children as sacrifices to the gods, on the altars and fires of Baal and Molech. And they now stood under the shadow of judgment and in danger of destruction.

And God called out to them, to return, to come back, to be saved from destruction. He sent to them seers and prophets to wake them up, to call them back. But they wouldn’t listen. They mocked the prophets and persecuted them. And they hardened their hearts. And finally something happened that brought them into the first stage of judgment.

The Tragedy of Modern America

But there was another civilization that was likewise founded on God’s Word, dedicated to His will, and consecrated to His purposes, from its very inception — America. Those who came to these shores four centuries ago to found a new civilization did so by dedicating it to God, committing it for His purposes and glory. America was to be a “city on a hill,” a civilization to which others would look. It was to be a holy commonwealth. And so they modeled it after Israel of the Bible.

They brought forth its first governments in the name of Jesus and for the glory of God. They established its first school system for the purpose of teaching the Word of God. And they foretold that inasmuch as America would follow in the ways of God, that God would bless it, that it would become the most powerful, the most prosperous, the most blessed nation on earth, the head of nations. And it would all come true.

America would become the most blessed nation on earth, a refuge for the world’s exiles, a light for the world’s oppressed, a beacon against the dark forces of tyranny which threatened to engulf the world. America was blessed with prosperity, power, security, peace, and a place at the head of nations. America was blessed as no nation in history had ever been blessed.

But something happened to the city on the hill. As the people of ancient Israel, in the midst of their blessings, committed a fatal error, so have we. We too have, as a nation, turned from God. We, too, have removed Him from our lives. Step by step, we, too, have ruled Him out of our culture, out of our government, out of our economy, out of our public square, out of the instruction and lives of our children. We, too have made God a stranger. And though we still at times invoke His name, it rings increasingly hollow and meaningless. We have made ourselves strangers to the God of our fathers.

And as we have driven God from our national life, we have brought in other gods and idols to replace Him, gods of sensuality, materialism, violence, idols of wealth, carnality, and sexual promiscuity. And as did Israel, so, we too have abandoned the

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ways of God, the laws of God, and the standards of God, for immorality. The nation that was established to bring the Word and Light of God to the world, now fills the earth with pornography. We too now call evil “good,” and good, “evil.” And what we once knew to be immoral, we now celebrate, and what we once knew to be right, we now war against.

American culture has become turned in upon itself, a civilization at war against the very foundation on which it has been established. And those, who simply remain true to what had always been known as true, are now vilified, marginalized, mocked, labeled “intolerant,” and increasingly banned from the public square, and, ultimately, persecuted.

We have now reached the point, this day, that a minister was driven out of the public square, barred from praying at the inaugural service for the simple reason that years ago he preached a sermon simply saying what the Bible has always clearly said regarding sin. It is a new America in which one can be banned from the public square simply for believing the Bible, where profanity is treated as holy and the Holy as profane, a new America where the Bible is treated as contraband and nativity scenes are seen as dangerous.

Our culture has grown increasingly vulgar, godless, and darkened. We too now defile, ridicule, and blaspheme the name of God. It wasn’t that long ago that American television closed its broadcasting days with sermons. Now our televisions and computers screens are filled with words and images once unimaginable, and God and Jesus have now become objects of comedy and mockery. It’s as if a spiritual amnesia has overtaken the land. The Lord asked Israel, “Can a nation forget its God?” And yet Israel forgot. And now we too have forgotten. America too has forgotten her God.

A Tragic Milestone

And we too, as a nation, have partaken in the darkest of sins. Tomorrow is also a milestone of history. Tomorrow marks the fortieth anniversary of the day that America legalized the killing of its unborn children. Israel offered up thousands of its children. America has offered up millions. Fifty million souls are not here today. Fifty million people will not be here, watching or cheering at the inauguration. They’re silent, for their lives were legislated out of existence, even from this city.

And in order to hide the magnitude of our moral descent, we redefine words and change their meanings on this and other sins. And yet a thousand apostate ministers swearing on a thousand Bibles will not change a jot or tittle of God’s word. Though silent, they cry out in bearing witness to the darkest of our sins. And God hears them. And as He spoke through the ancient prophets to Israel, so His words now echo down to us, “When you lift up your hands to be in prayer I will not listen. For your hands are covered with blood.”

The “city on a hill” has grown dark. Its lamp has grown dim. Its glory is fading. For God is not mocked. No nation can war against the very source of its blessings and expect those blessings to remain. And as it was with ancient Israel, the city on the hill

now stands under the shadow of judgment.

The Initial Lifting of the Hedge of Protection

How does judgment come to a nation? After defying all of God's calls and warnings, the nation of Israel would experience something unprecedented. It was the opening stage of judgment. God removed one of Israel's blessings. Years before the nation's destruction, He allowed its hedge of protection to be lifted. He allowed an enemy to make a strike into the land. It was a wake-up call to avert national destruction. Nothing else would reach them. The strike was limited and temporary. The nation was now given a period of time to turn back to God or enter into judgment.

This first opening biblical sign of national warning and



The destruction of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.

judgment is this initial removal of the nation's hedge of protection. So it came to pass in America on September 11, 2001. It was on that day that we witnessed the nation's hedge of protection removed. An enemy was allowed to make a strike on the land. As with Israel, the strike was limited and temporary. It was a wake-up call.

And for a short-time it looked as if America would wake up. It looked as if we were on the verge of a national revival. People flocked to churches and spoke of God. And then, a few weeks later, it was all over. There was no revival. There was no change of course. America continued down its course of spiritual departure from God, but did so now with even more fervor. Eleven years after 9/11, the nation stands not closer to God, but much farther away.

A Revelation

As I saw the smoke rising out of New York City that day, and then as I stood at the corner of Ground Zero, a revelation began coming to me. The revelation would take the form of a book called *The Harbinger* . . .

The revelation of *The Harbinger* is this: There exists an ancient mystery that lies behind everything from 9/11 to the collapse of the American economy — a mystery so precise that it actually reveals the actions of American leaders before they take them, the exact words of American leaders, before they speak them, a mystery so exact that it gives the dates, even the hours of some of the most dramatic days in recent history.

In the last days of ancient Israel, before its destruction, nine harbingers, nine prophetic signs of national judgment, appeared in the land. Those same nine harbingers are now reappearing on American soil. Some have appeared in New York City. Some have appeared in Washington, D.C. Some have involved the highest leaders of the land, even the president of the United States and they touch every realm, the political, the economic, the cultural, the spiritual, and affect every American and every American's future.

The harbingers are revealed through an ancient Scripture, the vow that Israel made after that first strike of warning. It appears as Isaiah 9:10. Instead of repentance, they responded to the warning with defiance. They said this: "The bricks have fallen. BUT we will rebuild with hewn stone. The sycamores



The destruction of the Twin Towers in New York City.

have been cut down, BUT we will plant cedars in their place." What they were saying was this: "God, you won't humble us, you won't cause us to return. We will continue on our course. We will continue to abandon our ways. We will defy you and even more than before. By our own efforts, we will rebuild and come back stronger than before."

This vow of defiance would seal their fate and usher in their destruction. And it's the key to nine harbingers of judgment. We don't have the time to even begin to open up the mysteries of the harbingers except to say that they are all manifesting now to America . . .

"The Mystery Ground"

One of the mysteries in *The Harbinger*, something called The Mystery Ground, actually involves this day, the inauguration, or rather the first inauguration of which this day is a continuation.

It was the day that America as we know it came into existence, April 30, 1789. It was the day the nation's first president was sworn into office, the inauguration of George Washington. Washington placed his hand on the Bible and then gave the first ever presidential address. And in that speech, on America's first day as a fully-formed nation, is embedded a prophetic warning. He said this:

The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.

What was he saying? He was saying this: America's blessings are based on its relationship with God. If America ever disregards or forgets or turns away from the eternal rules of order and right, the laws, the precepts, the standards, and the ways of God, if America ever departs from these, then the blessings of God will be withdrawn from the land.

This is the prophetic warning embedded in our national foundation. And it is coming true in our day. We are now witnessing America disregarding the eternal rules of order and right which God has ordained. And the warning is, that if we do so, then the smiles of Heaven, the blessings of God will be withdrawn.



When judgment came to Israel, the destruction returned to the same ground where the nation had been dedicated to God, the Temple Mount. The calamity returned to the nation's ground of consecration.

After Washington gave that prophetic warning, he and the nation's first Senate and House of Representatives, all proceeded on foot from Federal Hall, the place of the inauguration, to a site especially chosen for the nation's first government to pray and dedicate America's future to God.

And that's what they did on that first inauguration on America's first day as a formed nation — they prayed and committed the nation's future to God. That was the nation's consecration ground.

If we can find out where that ground is, we will have a mystery. Where did it take place? It happened in the nation's capital. But the capital then was not Washington, D.C. It was New York City. Where? The place where they dedicated America to God on its first day as a nation, America's consecration ground is Ground Zero. America was dedicated to God at Ground Zero . . .

The time is late. The hour is critical. A great nation proceeds in rapid spiritual descent. And the signs of warning and judgment are manifesting in the land. The shadow of judgment is upon us.

The Only Hope

And for those who would ask "How, in light of judgment, can one be saved, or safe?" We give this answer — the word in Hebrew for safety and salvation is *Yeshua*. *Yeshua* is the name which we know in English as "Jesus." Outside of Him there is no safety. But inside of Him there is no fear. It was for Him and in His name that this nation, this civilization, this "city on a hill," named America, came into existence. And it is only to Him and in His name that its problems can ultimately be answered. He remains the answer, the light in the darkness, and the hope when all other hopes are faded and gone. And to all who come, He will receive. And He calls out "Come."

For all you who dwell in darkness, it's time to come. And you will not be turned away.

And for all you who know Him, for you His people, it is time to put away any shade of darkness and compromise — and take up the mantle of your calling.

It's time to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world you were called to be, in truth, in power, and love. It is time to light up the darkness. It's time to be strong. It's time to be bold. It's time to be radical.

The watchmen are crying out, and the trumpets are sounding. And the voice of the Lord is calling to this nation, and saying "Return," and calling to His people and saying, "Return."

Let the word go forth. Let the power of God be seen in this land. And let revival burst forth like a mighty river . . . ✠

Kindred Voices With The Same Message

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In Defense of a Prophetic Voice

Dr. David R. Reagan

People love pillow prophets. They hate true prophets. Pillow prophets tell people what they want to hear. They cry, "Peace and safety!" when danger is imminent. True prophets warn of danger and cry for repentance.

When Jeremiah told the people of Judah that it was God's will for them to surrender to the Babylonians and go into captivity, he was demonized as a false prophet and a traitor, and the people tried to kill him.

In like manner, Jonathan Cahn has been the victim of irresponsible and vicious attacks. He has been accused of "parading as a prophet." Others have branded him a "false prophet." These charges are reckless, unwarranted and un-Christ-like.

Jonathan Cahn's message is thoroughly biblical. It is not based on any new revelation from God. Rather, it is based on the biblical principles that govern God's relationship with nations. These are principles that I outlined in detail in my 2003 book entitled *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy* (revised editions in 2006 and 2009).



Rabbi Jonathan Cahn

False Prophet?

The charge that he is a "false prophet" is downright ludicrous. His message is that America is in rebellion against God, that God has placed remedial judgments upon us, and that if we do not repent, God will deliver us from judgment to destruction. I ask you, "What part of that message is unbiblical?"

Furthermore, the Bible defines a false prophet as one who prophesies events that do not come to pass. If Rabbi Cahn prophesied that a specific event would take place on a specific date and that date were to come and go without the event happening, then he could legitimately be labeled as a "false prophet." But he has done no such thing.

He is simply declaring biblical principles. He is reminding us of the following truths:

- That when a richly blessed nation like ours sets its face against God, the judgment of God will fall upon it.
- That the only way for a rebellious nation to avoid the ultimate judgment of God — namely, destruction — is for it to repent.

Misuse of Scripture?

Others have attacked Rabbi Cahn because they argue that he has taken a scripture directed to ancient Israel (Isaiah 9:10) and has applied it to the United States. Again, I ask, "What is wrong with that?" If the scripture is applicable, why not apply it to our nation?

Actually, we do that all the time. The Psalms and Proverbs were written to the Jewish people, yet we apply them to ourselves. Should we reject the 23rd Psalm because it was not specifically addressed to the Church?

Incredibly, Rabbi Cahn has been criticized for applying 2 Chronicles 7:14 to the United States. It reads as follows:

[If] My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Are we actually going to contend that this scripture applies only to Israel? Are we really going to argue that if the professing Christians of this nation were to sincerely repent of their sins and the sins of our nation, that God would ignore it?

This particular scripture contains a timeless principle about repentance that even applies to pagan nations. Thus, when God sent the prophet Jonah to the pagan city of Nineveh with a message of "Turn or Burn!" the Lord changed His mind when the king put on sack cloth and ashes, repented, and called for the whole city to do likewise.

Or consider the seven letters contained in the second and third chapters of Revelation. Each one was addressed to a specific church located in the area of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). Do the letters

apply only to those specific churches? Of course not! They are just as relevant to the Church at large today as they were when they were written to the seven specific churches in the First Century.

Jumping to Conclusions

Many of the criticisms of Rabbi Cahn's message are based on unwarranted conclusions that people have jumped to in an effort to find something to criticize. For example, he has been accused of teaching that America is in a covenant relationship with God. The fact of the matter is that he has never said that. He simply notes that America's founding fathers believed that, and therefore they consecrated the nation to God.

Another unwarranted conclusion is that he teaches Isaiah 9:10 was a prophecy about the United States rather than Israel. Again, Rabbi Cahn has never made such an assertion. What he teaches instead is that the ancient pattern of judgment that occurred in Israel is now recurring in America, and in "a stunningly precise way."

A Book and a Sermon

As I reported in a recent issue of this magazine, I was not particularly impacted with Rabbi Cahn's book, *The Harbinger*. Its writing style was not my cup of tea. But so what? It greatly impacted tens of thousands of others, and I was immensely impressed with the overall message of the book. It contained a biblical message that I believe the American people desperately need to hear, and I was delighted over the book's success as it

rose to the top of the best seller list.

What impressed me even more was Rabbi Cahn's sermon which he presented at the recent Presidential Inaugural Breakfast in Washington, D.C. As I watched it on YouTube, I was transfixed by the frank, biblical content of the message and by Rabbi Cahn's powerful, anointed delivery of it.

The message presented a stark, bone-chilling indictment against this nation for thumbing its nose at God. It was a hard-hitting prophetic message that took great courage to deliver. I urge you to watch the 35 minute message on YouTube. (You can find it easily by googling Cahn's name.)

Christians should be giving Rabbi Cahn a standing ovation, and many have. But some leaders of discernment ministries have tried, instead, to crucify him.

I know a genuine prophetic voice when I hear one, and as I watched Rabbi Cahn deliver his powerful message, I realized he was a prophetic voice raised up by God to warn this nation of its impending doom and to call us to repentance.



David Wilkerson

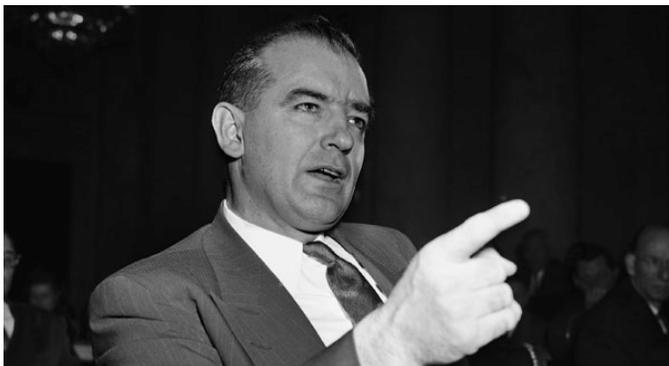
He is the successor to David Wilkerson who began delivering the same message in the 1970's. At that time Wilkerson was the darling of the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. But the moment he began to call this nation to repentance and warn of God's impending judgment, he was mercilessly attacked as a "false prophet" and was accused of misusing scriptures. Many churches stopped handling his books and speaking invitations were canceled. He was condemned

for preaching a "negative message."

Christian McCarthyism

The current unbridled, petty and vicious attacks on Rabbi Cahn smack of what I would call "Christian McCarthyism." For those of you who might not be familiar with what I'm referring to, let me explain.

In the 1950s a wave of anti-Communism swept this nation and a Senator from Wisconsin named Joseph McCarthy decided to ride the wave. He started holding Congressional hearings during which he made wild allegations against many people, accusing them of being either Communists or Communist sympathizers. In the process, he ruined the lives of many people.



Senator Joseph McCarthy



Joseph Welch

Senator McCarthy met his Waterloo when he decided to attack the U.S. Army, claiming many of its top officers were tainted by Communism. This action hurt him in two ways. First, it turned President Eisenhower against him. Second, the Army hired a defense counsel who would surprisingly prove to be very formidable. I say surprisingly because the attorney, Joseph Welch, seemed to be someone who would be eaten alive by McCarthy. That's because Mr. Welch had a high, squeaky voice and an elf-like appearance.

As Mr. Welch began to demand that Senator McCarthy present evidence of his allegations, the Senator decided to go on the attack. He started accusing a young lawyer on Welch's staff of being a Communist sympathizer. Welch interrupted the Senator and cried out in a wailing voice, "Until this moment, Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness . . ." When McCarthy resumed his attack, Welch interrupted him: "Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You've done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?"

This was one of the first Congressional hearings ever to be televised, and it exposed the Senator for what he was — a shallow, irresponsible, arrogant power-seeker who was willing to destroy other people in order to gain the limelight.

In like manner there are hyper-critics within Christianity today who are yelling "Apostate! Apostate!" over matters that really amount to nothing. If a person speaks to a group they disapprove of, they label him an "Apostate." If he has a different viewpoint from theirs about a non-essential doctrine, he is branded an "Apostate." If he compliments someone they don't like, he is relegated to Hell as an "Apostate."

An Appeal for Sanity

Grant Phillips, a Bible teacher in Kentucky who has pastored six churches in his lifetime, recently responded to the hysterical critics of Jonathan Cahn with these words:

Look folks, many of us need to . . . stop nit-picking everything the Lord is trying to tell us and just listen to what He is saying in whatever manner He chooses to say it. Even in my own experience of writing articles, every now and then, someone emails me who just wants to nit-pick at something I wrote while missing the message of the article. The phrase comes to mind, "They're so heavenly minded, they're no earthly good." We need to humble our

hearts and stop being so self-righteous.

In my personal correspondence with Jonathan Cahn, I have discovered that he has a very Christ-like spirit and a great sense of humor. In responding to his critics, he has killed them with kindness, refusing to respond with the same invective they have used in attacking him. He has dealt with issues and not personalities.

And his sense of humor has helped him to put the criticism in perspective. Let me give you some examples:

- In response to crazy allegations that he is somehow involved in advocating the prosperity message of the Word of Faith Movement, he wrote: "I not only speak against those doctrines regularly, but my author's photo [shown on the cover of this magazine] was taken at Sears Budget Photo!"
- In response to an assertion that he is advocating Replacement Theology, he wrote: "I'm Jewish and a believer. In order to subscribe to Replacement Theology, I'd have to replace myself with myself. I'm open to trying, but it just strikes me as a lot of work to end up no better off than when I started!"
- In response to the nutty charge that he is espousing principles of Mormonism, he wrote: "Okay, I was once into Donny and Marie Osmond, but when they started singing 'I'm A Little Bit Country, And I'm A Little Bit Rock and Roll,' I drew the line. You see, I don't believe in mixing doctrines."
- In response to the absurd allegation that he is involved in some way in Masonry, he replied: "It's true. I once had involvement with Masonry. It happened when I appeared as a guest on the Jackie Mason Show. But he's the only Mason I've been involved with. And I renounced his comedy soon after the show."

My Personal Stance

The nit-picking, Pharisaical hyper-critics of Christianity need to be reminded of the wisdom of Gamaliel which he shared with the Sanhedrin Council when they arrested Peter and the apostles and desired to kill them (Acts 5:29-33). Gamaliel stated that if what the followers of Jesus were teaching was false, nothing would come of it. "But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them." He then added, "You may even be found fighting against God" (Acts 5:38-39).

The pit bulls of Christianity can growl and yap and snarl all they please, but anointed messengers of God like Wilkerson and Cahn will prevail because they are speaking the truth. I stand with them, and I am proud to do so.

Together with them, I cry from the depths of my heart, "Wake up America! You are blaspheming the very God who blessed you. He has sent prophetic voices and remedial judgments to warn you and call you to repentance. What will be your choice? Repentance or Destruction?" ✚

The Last Pope?

Dr. David R. Reagan



Pope Benedict XVI shocked the world on February 11 when he suddenly announced that he would retire on February 28 due to deteriorating health. There had not been a papal resignation since 1415 when Gregory XII stepped aside as part of a controversial arrangement to end the Great Western Schism among competing papal claimants. Benedict became the first Pope in history to resign due to health reasons.

The Pope's resignation created a sensation among Bible prophecy buffs because of a widespread belief that he would be the next-to-the-last Pope. This belief is grounded in what is called "The Prophecy of the Popes," a document consisting of 112 short, cryptic phrases in Latin, which claims to predict all the Popes that would succeed Pope Celestine II who died in 1144.

A Strange Document of Unknown Origin

The document became public in 1595 when a Catholic priest by the name of Arnold de Wyon published a history of the Benedictine Order. He attributed the prophecies to an Irish priest, Saint Malachy, who served as an Archbishop in the 12th Century.

According to the traditional account, Malachy was summoned to Rome in 1139 by Pope Innocent II, and while he was there, he supposedly received a vision of future Popes. The manuscript was deposited in the Vatican Archives and forgotten about until its rediscovery in 1590, just in time for a papal

conclave that was in session at the time.

The “prophecies” list 112 Popes that will serve from the time of Pope Urban VII who died in 1590, the first being Pope Gregory XIV whose papacy lasted for only one year. The last Pope in the list is referred to as “Peter the Roman.” And it is stated that he will reign among “many tribulations” leading up to the destruction of Rome.

Problems With the Document

Vndofus uir.	Animal rurale.	Pastor & nauta.
Gens peruerfa.	Rofa Vmbriz.	Flos florum.
In tribulatione pacis.	Vrfus uelox.	De medietate lunæ.
Lilium & rofa.	Peregrin ^o apofolic ^o .	De labore folis.
Iucunditas crucis.	Aquila rapax.	Gloria oliuæ.
Montium custos.	Canis & coluber.	In pfectione, extre-
Sydus olorum.	Vir religiofus.	ma S.R.E.fedebit.
De flumine magno.	De balneis Ethruriz.	Petrus Romanus, qui
Bellua infatiabilis.	Crux de cruce.	pafcet oues in mul-
Pœnitentia gloriofa.	Lumen in cælo.	tis tribulationibus:
Rafrum in porta.	Ignis ardens.	quibus tranfactis ci-
Flores circundati.	Religio depopulata.	uitas fepticollis di-
De bona religione.	Fides intrepida,	ruietur, & Iudex tre-
Miles in bello.	Pastor angelicus.	médus iudicabit po-
Columna excelsa.		pulum fuum. Finis.

Pictured above is a portion of the listing of prophetic clues taken from the original document. The list starts with “Vndofus uir,” meaning “wavy man” (Leo XI who served in the year 1605). The list ends with “Petrus Romanus,” meaning “Peter the Roman.”

There are a number of problems with these “prophecies,” as outlined below.

1) Unknown before their publication in 1595. Saint Bernard of Clairvoux, who was a contemporary of Saint Malachy, never mentions the prophecies in his biography of Malachy, nor are they mentioned in any record prior to 1595.

2) Obtuse wording. The “prophecies” are as obtuse as the so-called prophecies of Nostradamus. They simply list a short phrase for each Pope. Examples are: “pig in a sieve,” “from cattle country,” “star of the swans,” “snaky man,” and “woodpecker between food.”

For the first 74 Popes in the list leading up to 1590 when the document supposedly was found, the discoverer, Arnold de Wyon, tried to make a match between the identifying phrase and the person who actually became the Pope described by the phrase. Thus, the phrase, “from the guardian goose,” supposedly pointed to Pope Alexander III (1159 - 1181) whose family’s coat of arms featured a goose. Many of Wyon’s explanations are terribly stretched and amount to what might be called shoe-horning, but the matches are more tenuous than the “prophecies” concerning those who were to serve as Popes after the document was made public in 1595, clearly indicating that the document was actually written around the time it was “found.”

The “prophecies” dating after 1590 are very difficult to match up with the Pope who supposedly fulfilled the prophecy. For example, the prophecy “country animal” ended up pointing to Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758). Proponents of the prophecies have been able to link this “prophecy” to the Pope in only one absurd way — by arguing that he was a man of “plodding ox diligence.”

3) Questionable counting. From the time of the first Pope on the list to Benedict XVI, there were a total of 100 Popes. The only way to get the list up to 111 is to count the 11 men who served as Anti-Popes but who were never recognized by the Vatican as true Popes.

The Validity of the Document

Most experts who have studied the document carefully have concluded that it was manufactured by Arnold de Wyon as a propaganda piece to ensure that his candidate for the papacy in 1590 would be elected. Thus, the prophecy for Urban VII’s successor read, “from the old city.” The man Wyon favored was Cardinal Girolani Simoncelli who was from a city whose Latin name meant “old city.”



The ploy did not work. A man named Niccolo Sfondrati was elected, and he took the papal name of Gregory XIV. There was nothing in his background that linked him to the “prophecy” that stated he would be “from the old city.”

However, proponents of the “prophecies” argue that Gregory XIV’s father was a senator from Milan, and that the word, senator, is derived from the Latin word, *senex*, which means “old man.” Alternatively, they argue that Milan is the “old city” referred to. Again, an example of twisting a “prophecy” to mean virtually anything.

The New Pope

Although the newly elected Pope is from Argentina, he is not an Hispanic. He is of Roman descent, having been born of Italian immigrants to Argentina, but his birth name was not Peter, nor did he select that as his papal name. He does not fulfill the “prophecy” about him. Still, he could well prove to be the last Pope because the signs of the times clearly point to the imminent return of Jesus.

The only prophecies we need to pay attention to are those contained in God’s Word, for He is the only one who truly knows the future. ✚

*For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not
been done,
Saying, “My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure” . . .
Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass.
I have planned it, surely I will do it.*

Isaiah 46:9b-11

How I Absorbed Three Punches And Stood Up Anyway

Pastor Tom Chantry

(Editor's note: Tom Chantry is the pastor of Christ Reformed Baptist Church in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee. This article was written the day after the Presidential election, last November. It is reprinted by permission of the author whose website can be found at <http://crbc.us>.)



Tom Chantry

Although I've been worried about this election for months, only in the aftermath did I realize that I never really thought our country would re-elect a President who has been such an abject failure by any and every measure. It just didn't seem possible that we would do so, and so at some level I didn't expect it at all. As the results rolled in, I found myself reeling, unable to take in the enormity of what has happened to our nation. I scarcely slept, unable to stop running through the implications of the disaster. I was, to put it mildly, knocked down and stunned.

But God is gracious, and eventually I slept, and this morning I find myself back up off the mat. Looking back, I can see what it was that took me so by surprise. I allowed myself to think too highly of my country . . . I realized anew that we are a culture of sin, a culture of stupidity, and a culture under judgment — none of which really surprises me in the light of day. Those blows absolutely leveled me last night, but today I'm standing. Here's why —

1 The re-election of President Obama demonstrates the wickedness of America. Make no mistake about it: a vote for the President was a wicked act. It is not sufficient to say that he is pro-abortion; the man is in favor of offing unwanted kids outside the womb as well. He not only celebrates the lifestyle of perversion; he wishes to deconstruct God's institution of marriage for the benefit of the perverts, one of whom he appointed as a judge over us. On every point of American policy in which there is a clear side of righteousness and a clear side of wickedness, he stands with the devils rather than the angels.

Most Americans, though, did not vote for him for those reasons. The majority does not hold his extreme position on infanticide, and every referendum shows that the majority does not agree to the institutional legitimizing of perversion. But on the issues of this election his position was also on the side of evil. As I wrote two years ago in my political credo, fiscal policy is also moral in nature. The unavoidable reality of this election is that when Governor Romney ran on fiscal sanity, the majority decided to cast their votes in favor of more free stuff from the government.



In other words, last night's vote demonstrates one fundamental evil that has overtaken our society. Today's voter is unimpressed by the biblical ethic of work and responsibility; neither is he too ashamed to engage in systematic theft . . . Only a nation of wicked thieves could have produced last night's results. So if I imagined that my countrymen were too good to re-elect this man, I was brought to a rude awakening.

But the second blow was even more unexpected —

2 The reelection of President Obama demonstrates the stupidity of America. I know, I should be using a softer word than "stupid," but as I said, I didn't sleep much. The Scriptures teach that sin makes us stupid . . .

Yesterday the prevailing sin of our nation led to an electoral suicide. Never in our history have so many voted against their own self-interest. Retired seniors voted for a President who will destroy their health care system and bankrupt their social security. Out-of-work college graduates voted for a President who considers 7.9% unemployment a huge victory. Black Americans voted overwhelmingly for a President whose policies left them far worse off than they were before.

How do we account for this electoral lunacy? It's simple, if you've read Romans 1. Sin makes you stupid, and we are a nation of gross sinners. So if I thought my countrymen were too smart to re-elect this man, I was predictably wrong again.

But even this realization did not rob me of sleep last night. The knockout blow was yet to come —

3 The reelection of President Obama demonstrates God's judgment on America. It's pretty hard to overstate how bad this election is. For starters, the President's policy remains to raise taxes, raise regulations, and deplete the nation of energy. We've been calling this downturn a "recession" for a long time; soon we'll recognize it for what it is. As more businesses are shuttered, as loans dry up, and as greater and greater numbers are out of work we will have to start calling it the "Second Depression." By the end of this term there is expected to be a severe shortage of doctors as we actively demolish the world's greatest health-care system. China is now free to continue manipulating its currency, Russia is free to point its nukes wherever it pleases, and Iran is free to continue being Iran. It's bad — very bad.

But what did we expect? . . . Did we really think that God would be content to allow us to continue ignoring His laws — to continue embracing perversion and executing our infants — and that He would never bring an end to our wealth? Did we think He would take no notice of a nation descending into vileness while His churches churned out a perpetual circus act? In fact, judgment was predictable, and now we know the form that it has taken.

In Romans 1 Paul explained that sometimes God's judgment comes in the form of allowing us to descend into greater wickedness. . . . What we are seeing is the judgment of the American populace. We have loved wickedness, and God has elevated a Degenerate to rule over us. The Lord is just, and we are about to discover exactly what that means.

So I was staggered and overcome. The thought of the horrors that we must now undergo was too much for me. So why am I up off the canvas today, ready to resume my responsibilities as a Christian man?

The church has the only answer to the sin and stupidity of our nation, and the only response to the judgment of our God. Now, don't get me wrong; I don't mean to suggest that as Christians we have the gospel and so we should retreat into a neo-monasticism in which we refuse to take part in the political life of the nation. We were right to cast a vote for a man who is relatively upright and who espoused relatively upright policies. We are right to weep today over the destruction that has come upon us. In fact, if you are unready to get up off the mat today, I don't blame you. If you cannot smile, I sympathize. Ultimately, though, it's true: we have the only answer.

Policies can address political circumstances, but they cannot address the fundamental weaknesses of the American soul. Where we stand today is not so radically different from where we stood in, say, 1980. We don't need another Reagan; we need the Holy Spirit. If men are to turn from their sin and discover the wisdom that comes from serving God, they do not need better government, but the message which has been entrusted to the church.

This election was a catastrophe; there is no reason to pretend otherwise. Furthermore, it demonstrates the far deeper perils which threaten us. But we are Christians, and we know the answer, and He is the Prince of Peace. Let's be busy about the work of His kingdom today. ❖

Personal Reflections by a Christian

Rick McLain

(Editor's note: The following article was sent to me by one of our Prophecy Partners. It was forwarded to him by a friend, and it was simply signed, Rick McLain. I have been unable to find any information about the author.)

Yesterday [election day] roughly 52% of Americans voted support for gay marriage, abortion, giving guns to Mexican drug lords, bowing down to the rulers of other nations, government intrusion into banking, manufacturing and commerce, dishonesty from our elected leaders, throwing billions away on so-called stimulus, and increased dependence upon the government to provide for them.

We are now living in a post-Christian nation. The conservative ideals and philosophies that we grew up with are not the ideals and philosophies of the majority. If you believe in God and especially Jesus Christ, the Bible, absolute right and wrong no matter the situation, working hard because it's the right thing to do, the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage, the rights of

parents to raise their children as they deem best, the rights of all persons to worship as they choose, that commerce and business will do better when there is little government interference, and a country like ours should be safe from its enemies, then you are now the minority.

I live and have citizenship in a country that is not my own anymore. It has changed. It will continue to change, but I no longer believe for the better. The last four years were a wake-up call that was not heeded. America has left God, and now it is time for God's judgment upon America. . . .

God has turned this country over to sinful desires. For believers, we are now captive to the "King of Babylon." Will we be like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah and refuse to compromise our beliefs, or will we eat at the king's table and take on the customs and ways of Babylon? Will we hold fast to the Lord and pray and worship as Daniel and his friends did, even in the face of persecution and death?

May God strengthen His elect people with faith in Him and with courage to live for Him in the days to come. May His people remain faithful to Him and walk as salt and light amidst a rotting society where knowledge and understanding have become darkened. May the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted even in the suffering of His Bride. May God be merciful, and in His kindness bring about repentance and new life in the hearts of those who have rejected Him. ❖

A Deep Division

Dr. Albert Mohler, Jr.

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The 2012 election makes clear that Americans are divided over fundamental questions The election did not cause this division, it merely revealed it.

This deep division at the level of worldview presents President Obama with a daunting political challenge, but a worldview crisis is an even greater challenge for the Church. Evangelical Christians must see the 2012 election as a catastrophe for crucial moral concerns Clearly, we face a new moral landscape in America, and a huge challenge to those of us who care passionately about these issues.

We face a worldview challenge that is far greater than any political challenge, as we must learn how to winsomely convince Americans to share our moral convictions about marriage, sex, the sanctity of life, and a range of moral issues. This will not be easy. It is, however, an urgent call to action. ❖

*Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to any people.*

Proverbs 14:34



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The Destiny of the Redeemed

Nathan E. Jones

“What happens to a saved person when they die?” — Simon in England

For those of us who grew up in church since Sunday School, the answer may seem easy enough: “It’s obvious you go to Heaven!” But, for new Christians like Simon here, Satan sadly has done a diabolical job of causing mass confusion concerning what the Bible says about our eternal destiny.

Misconceptions

Let’s begin by debunking some common misconceptions about what life is like for the Redeemed after death.

Purgatory — A Catholic teaching, Purgatory is a stopping off point on the way to Heaven where Christians must suffer for awhile to purge ourselves of sin before God will finally let us in. Not true, for 1 John 1:7 tells us that, “The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from sin.” It’s Jesus who cleanses us, and not us burning off our sins.

Soul Sleep — This popular misconception claims that when you die you go into the ground and there your soul remains unconscious until you are resurrected. Also not true, for 2 Corinthians 5:8 tells us that to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord. We will never be unconscious after death.

Become an Angel — Popularized by cartoons, this misconception says that when you die you become an angel with wings and a halo. But, no, Hebrews 1:14 tells us, “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” And, look at 1 Corinthians 6:3, “Do you not know that we will judge angels?” Angels are a totally separate creature than humanity, and we don’t become them.

Ethereal Existence — This misconception sadly teaches that we will end up in a spiritual world floating around on clouds playing harps all day long. How boring! This is clearly one of the most effective Early Church heresies Satan has used to warp our idea of Heaven by making it mind-numbingly dull. Fortunately, the idea that Heaven is a place where spirits float around on clouds is just not found in the Bible.

So, there are a lot of misconceptions about Heaven and how we get there that are meant to confuse people and curb our enthusiasm.

What Does the Bible Teach?

This is what the Bible teaches concerning where the saved go when they die.

Immediately upon death, your spirit is ushered by angels into the presence of Jesus in Heaven (Luke 16:22; 23:43). You are then given a physical, recognizable “intermediate body.” It’s a real body (Luke 16:19-31). You are not a ghost, for God alone is spirit (John 4:24). When the day of the Rapture comes, for both the living and dead believers, our bodies will be resurrected, our spirits will be put back in them and our bodies will be transformed into glorified, eternal bodies to dwell with Christ forever (1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

When Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation in His Second Coming, the Church will return with Him and we will reign with Him for a thousand years, reigning as teachers and administrators and lawmen over the people who are still living on the earth in their fleshly bodies (Daniel 7:13-14,18,27 and Revelation 20:1-6). Finally, after the Millennial Kingdom is over and we move on into eternity, Heaven, in the form of the New Jerusalem, will come down to a revitalized New Earth, and there we will dwell literally in Heaven on Earth (Revelation 21).

Oh, if I only had the space to tell you about the wonders of the New Jerusalem! Please read Revelation 21-22, as well as go to our website at lamblion.com and search “Heaven” to learn more about the saved’s exciting destination. And that is only a glimpse into the marvels that await the Redeemed, for as 1 Corinthians 2:9 reveals, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

A Sad Response To Our Poll

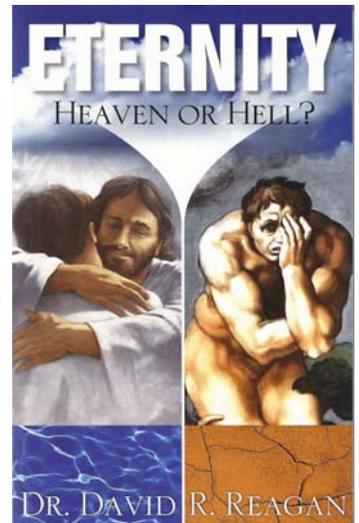
I put Simon’s question to one of our lamblion.us blog polls and got a very interesting response. An atheist, ever poking into Christian websites looking to argue against God’s existence, found the poll and got thousands of his Reddit.com Atheist group friends to vote “Cease to Exist.” That’s the misconception that presents Satan’s lie that there’s just nothing after this life and once we die we’re annihilated.

It’s an empty hope for the unsaved, who do not wish to go where they truly know they’re destined, which is Hell. Contrary to what they’re claiming, Jesus explained in Luke 16 and Revelation 20 and other verses that there really is an afterlife and a judgment to be concerned about.

The eternal destination of all people will be either Heaven or Hell. And what eternal life will be like is why it is so important that we live with an eternal perspective. Life right now on this earth is just too short. What we do with our lives today only makes sense when we’re looking at the bigger picture of eternity.

Since we could die even in the very next minute, we must know where we’re going after we die. That’s why it’s so important to live with an eternal perspective, for then everything else in life will make sense. ❖

Note: For more detailed information about life after death, both for the saved and the unsaved, get a copy of Dr. Reagan’s book, *Eternity: Heaven or Hell?* It runs 195 pages in length and sells for \$15 plus the cost of shipping. You can order it by calling 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.



Praying for Expanded Outreach

Dr. David R. Reagan

We have been praying earnestly for a continuing expansion of our television outreach. We are currently broadcasting our TV program over four national networks that have access to 80 million homes in the United States (Daystar, The Church Channel, The National Religious Broadcasters, and Golden Eagle Broadcasting). We have been specifically praying that the Lord would open a time slot for us on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. It is very expensive, but it has the greatest outreach of all the Christian networks.

Meanwhile we are considering other possibilities. And we are delighted to announce that The Church Channel has started broadcasting over the Dish satellite system. That will double our outreach via that particular network.

New Programs

In May and June we will be broadcasting a whole series of new programs, including interviews with:

- 1) Mike Riddle, expert teacher and speaker on Creation.
- 2) Noah Hutchings of Southwest Radio Ministries.
- 3) Carl Gallups, pastor and best-selling author.
- 4) Bill Salus, Bible prophecy expert and author.



Dave and Nathan are shown above with Noah Hutchings, the director of Southwest Radio Ministries. He had just turned 90 years old when he was interviewed for our TV program. He still works 10 hours a day!

Shooting in Israel

In early April I took a video crew to Israel with me to shoot footage while leading a pilgrimage group together with Gary Fisher, the founder and director of Lion of Judah Ministries in Franklin, Tennessee. The footage will be used to produce TV programs and a new video album to replace the one we shot in 2000 that is titled, "A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land."

Please join us in praying for the continued expansion of our television outreach. Thanks! ❖

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Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

National Religious Broadcasters Network DirecTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

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



KSCE Life! is located in El Paso, Texas and broadcasts our program on Sundays at 10:30am Mountain time. Also carried on DirecTV Channel 38.

PC Gone Amok —

Louie Giglio is known as one of the most effective Evangelical spokesmen to college students. He is pastor of the Passion City Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He was invited to give the benediction at the President's inauguration in January.

But a group of homosexuals were successful in getting him uninvited because they discovered a sermon of his on the Internet that presented the biblical viewpoint that homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle. Below are some excerpts from the sermon.



Louie Giglio

“Men, women, I can't say anything to you tonight other than this, that if you look at the counsel of the Word of God — Old Testament and New Testament — you come quickly to the conclusion that homosexuality is not an alternative lifestyle . . . Homosexuality is not just a sexual preference. Homosexuality is not gay, but homosexuality is sin. It is sin in the eyes of God, and it is sin according to the Word of God. You come to the only conclusion: homosexuality is less than God's best for

His creation. It is less than God's best for us and everything in our lives that is less than God's best for us and His plan for us and His design for us is sin. That's God's voice. If you want to hear God's voice, that is His voice to this issue of homosexuality. It is not ambiguous and unclear. It is very clear . . .

“As the church of Jesus Christ, we cannot sit on the sidelines, we cannot sit back inside our churches, but we must reach out and we must aggressively move toward the homosexual community because we have a message . . . Our message is: We know Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is powerful enough to do anything and to do everything. And the only way out of the homosexual lifestyle . . . is through the healing power of Jesus. We've got to say to homosexuals . . . it's not easy to change, but it is possible to change.”

Pastor Giglio spoke the truth from God's Word, but in our secular and pagan society today, such language constitutes “hate, bigotry and intolerance.”

Franklin Graham recently spoke out strongly against political correctness:

“One of the most sinister and menacing threats to our society today lurks under the lethal guise of two small initials — PC. I'm talking about political correctness — the maddening and prevailing public sentiment of offending no one (except Christians) . . . It demands tolerance of everything as it panders to the godless values of pluralism, while marginalizing and even persecuting men and women of faith . . . excluding anyone who speaks out firmly for truth . . . Wishing to offend no one, our nation's politicians, leaders and decision-makers now stand for absolutely nothing.”

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness. — Isaiah 5:20

TIMES and Seasons

A Horrible Milestone —

Late last year the 55 millionth baby died since abortion was legalized by the Supreme Court in January of 1973, 40 years ago. The count comes from the Guttmacher Institute which supports abortion. Randall O'Bannon, the head of

National Right to Life responded to the announcement with these words: “That's 55 million creative minds, 55 million people that could be working [and paying taxes], 55 million that could be contributing to society . . . The loss is staggering.” To put the 55 million loss in perspective, consider the fact that the number of military deaths in all the wars our nation has fought — from the Revolutionary War to the war in Iraq — totals 1.2 million. Our nation has the blood of the innocent on its hands, and they are crying out for revenge.

The LORD hates . . . hands that shed innocent blood. — Proverbs 6:16-17

The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. — Nahum 1:3

Out-of-Wedlock Births —

The number of births outside of marriage has increased sharply according to a joint study of the National Marriage Project and the Institute for American Values. The report focuses on what they call “middle America.” This group is made up of those Americans who have completed high school, but not college, and that group constitutes nearly 60% of Americans. Among this group, 44% of their children are born outside of marriage, an increase of 13% since the 1980s. The directors of the study concluded that if the trend continues, it will not be long before the majority of children born in America will be born to unwed parents.

For this is the will of God . . . that you abstain from fornication . . . 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Amending the Bible —



Piers Morgan

On Christmas eve last year, CNN television host, Piers Morgan, a British citizen, caused a furor on his television show, “Piers Morgan Tonight,” when he argued that there needs to be “an amendment to the Bible” to allow for same-sex marriage. He stated that both the Bible and the Constitution were “well-intentioned” but they are “basically inherently flawed.” His guest that evening was mega-church pastor Rick Warren, who responded to his remarks by saying, “Not a chance. What I believe is flawed is human opinion, because it constantly changes.”

The heart [of Man] is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick. Jeremiah 17:9 ❖

Concerning Evolution —

Sir Fred Hoyle and his associate, Chandra Wickramasinghe, both well-established British astronomers and mathematicians, co-authored a book 30 years ago titled *Evolution from Space* in which they strongly condemned the possibility of life originating from anything in the natural universe. In the process, they made the following amazing proclamation:

“No matter how large the environment one considers, life cannot have had a random beginning. Troops of monkeys thundering away at random on typewriters could not produce the works of Shakespeare, for the practical reason that the whole observable universe is not large enough to contain the necessary monkey hordes, the necessary typewriters, and certainly not the waste paper baskets required for the deposition of wrong attempts. The same is true for living material . . .

The likelihood of the spontaneous formation of life from inanimate matter is one to a number with 40,000 noughts after it . . . It is big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution. There was no primeval soup, neither on this planet nor on any other, and if the beginnings of life were not random, they must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence.”

That’s the good news from their book. The bad news, as the title indicates, is that they postulated that life came to earth from outer space, a concept that is now called panspermia. This theory proposes that cosmic dust in the interstellar medium and in comets is partly organic, and that life on earth was ‘seeded’ from space. In recent years Wickramasinghe has attempted to present scientific evidence to support the notion of “cosmic ancestry” and “the possibility of high intelligence in the universe and of many increasing levels of intelligence converging toward a God as an ideal limit.” His very mention of God has caused him to be ostracized by the scientific community.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations . . . professing to be wise, they became fools. — Romans 1:21-22

Concerning Gold —

Man has always been enamored with gold. The “Gold Rush” that occurred in this nation when gold was discovered in California in 1848 resulted in 300,000 Americans migrating West. The gold fever continues to this day worldwide.

Gold is mentioned in the Bible 432 times in 376 verses. Deuteronomy 17:17 warns kings against the accumulation of gold lest their hearts be turned away from God. King Solomon disregarded this warning, and the Bible says that in the year in which he acquired 666 talents of gold he began to drift from God (1 Kings 10:14ff). The Bible says God tests our faithfulness, and in the process, He refines our hearts like gold (Zechariah 13:9). And the Bible teaches that there are things more valuable than gold — namely, a good name (Proverbs 22:1), wisdom (Job 28:12-15), and God’s Law (Psalm 119:72).



Food for Thought

Capsule Quotes —

“The opposition to Christianity throughout most of history has been, ‘Christianity is not true.’ In the last 50 years it has become, ‘Christianity is evil.’” — Frank Wright, president of the National Religious Broadcasters.

“Animals in the fossil record are the same as today, supposedly 300 million years later. Why is there no evidence of evolution during that 300 million years? The fossil record demonstrates stasis, not evolution.” — John Morris president of the Institute for Creation Research.

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

“Satan doesn’t care about other religions. He is interested only in opposing the truth of Christianity.” — Ed Hindson, professor of Old Testament at Liberty University and host of the King is Coming TV program.

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

“In many of our churches today, instead of shepherds tending the sheep, we have clowns entertaining the goats.” — Jacob Prasch, Messianic Jewish teacher and president of Moriel Ministries in England.

“Mercy is not getting something bad we deserve. Grace is getting something good we don’t deserve.” — David Jeremiah, Evangelical pastor and author.

“Absent the ultimate and objective truth that God exists and has communicated His Word to us, we sadly are left to worship innovation rather than the Master Innovator.” — Craig Parshall, legal counsel to the National Religious Broadcasters.

“God doesn’t get a lump in His throat when He hears the Star Spangled Banner . . . Our hope is in the coming of Jesus Christ, and He is not going to arrive on Air Force One.” — Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

“The achievements of the Christian church are the achievements of the pulpit. With preaching, Christianity either rises or falls.” — Andrew Telford (1895 - 1997), an expository preacher into his 90s.

“Human DNA is like a computer program, but far, far more advanced than any software we’ve ever created.” Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft.

“Good people do not go to Heaven, and evil people do not go to Hell. Rather, saved people go to Heaven and lost people go to Hell.” — Gary Frazier, Bible prophecy teacher and president of Discovery Worldwide Ministries.

“We [Bible believing Christians] are citizens of Jerusalem, but residents of Babylon. We are now in exile in our own nation.” — Jim Garlow, Nazarene pastor of Skyline Church in La Mesa, California and Christian historian. ✚

Last Call for the Lamb & Lion Annual Bible Conference

The time is fast approaching for the 2013 Lamb & Lion annual Bible conference. It is being moved this year to a new venue in order to accommodate more people. It will be held at the new Allen Performing Arts Center in Allen, Texas, a northern suburb of Dallas.

The conference is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, call 972-736-3567, or you can register on our website at www.lamblion.com. Seating is limited, so if you desire to attend, please register as soon as possible.

The conference theme this year is "Living on Borrowed Time." The presentations will focus on the signs of the times that point to the fact that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

The conference will begin on Friday evening, June 28 with a concert by the X-Alt Quartet. This is an outstanding, award-winning musical group who will bless your soul with their inspirational singing. Dr. Reagan will make the first conference presentation following their concert. He will provide an overview of the signs of the times that point to the Lord's soon return.

The next day, Saturday, June 29, there will be five speakers who will focus on specific signs of the times.



The first will be Don McGee, the founder and director of Crown & Sickle Ministries in Amite, Louisiana. Don will talk about the significance of the re-establishment of Israel. Don is a dynamic and insightful speaker who is often referred to as "The Ragin' Cajun."



Don will be followed by Nathan Jones, the Web Minister and Associate Evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries. Nathan will focus on the signs of technology which are enabling us to understand end time Bible prophecies that we have never understood before.



Ron Rhodes, one of our regular and most outstanding speakers, will make a presentation about the epidemic of apostasy that is sweeping the Church today. Ron is a prolific



author and is the president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, located in Frisco, Texas.

Alan Franklin is flying in from England to speak on the revival of the Roman Empire in the form of the European Union. Alan is a newspaper editor and news commentator, and he is an expert communicator.



The last of our speakers will be Robert Jeffress, the outspoken pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas who is often featured as a news commentator on Fox News. He will speak about the internal decay of our nation and its impending implosion.



Saturday evening, following the conclusion of the conference, there will be a banquet that will feature the anointed singing of Jack Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries. He is the featured singer on our television program, "Christ in Prophecy."



The banquet will also feature the delightful entertainment of Lyndy Phillips, an ordained minister who performs as both a humorist and an illusionist. He will have



you astounded one moment and laughing the next.

Dr. Reagan will conclude the banquet with a presentation about America's spiritual crisis.



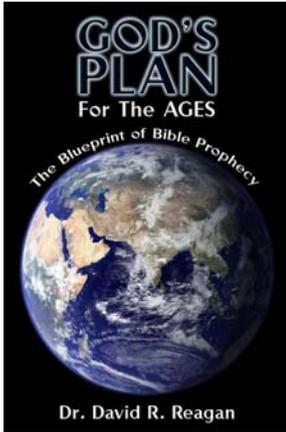
The Allen Performing Arts Center in Allen, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. The venue for this year's Bible Conference.

Although the conference is free of charge, there is a fee of \$35 per person for the banquet. Those interested in attending the banquet must purchase tickets at the time of their registration. Tickets for the banquet may not be available at the conference.

The presentations made at the conference will be edited into television programs to be shown on our "Christ in Prophecy" TV broadcast.

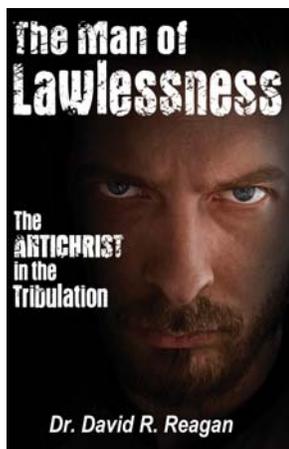
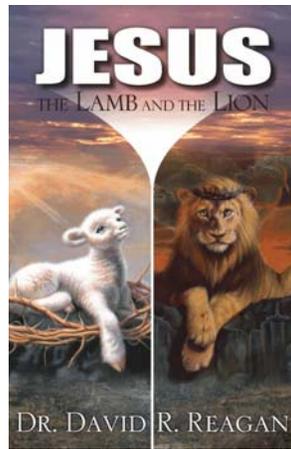
Registrants will be supplied with a list of motels and hotels in the area that are providing special reduced rates. ❖

Resources for the Study of Bible Prophecy



This book of 41 chapters contains Dr. Reagan's comprehensive study of every aspect of Bible prophecy. It is designed to be read topically, rather than from beginning to end. Thus, each chapter stands on its own. Just find the topic you are interested in and start reading. Bible prophecy teacher Jack Van Impe proclaimed this book to be "unlike anything I have ever studied, even after having read more than 11,000 books!" Written in an easy-to-understand, down-to-earth style. 415 pages, \$15.

This book presents a sweeping survey of Bible prophecy that relates to the First and Second Comings of Jesus. In the process, many key questions concerning Jesus are addressed. For example, was the virgin birth of Jesus anticipated in Bible prophecy, or was it an afterthought? Was the resurrection prophesied, or was it the result of wishful thinking? Was the deity of Jesus foretold in prophecy, or was it an idea manufactured by His disciples? How can Jesus be found throughout the Bible in symbolic prophecy? 238 pages, \$15.



This is Dr. Reagan's newest book. It focuses on the rise and fall of the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation. A unique feature of this book is that it contains the opinions of 22 Bible prophecy experts who were interviewed by Dr. Reagan regarding key questions about the Antichrist, such as: Will he be a Jew or Gentile? Could he be a Muslim? Will he be killed and raised from the dead? Where will his headquarters be located? And is he alive today? 221 pages, \$15.

One of Dr. Reagan's best selling books over the years is the one he wrote for pre-school and elementary children. It has a large format (8½ x 11"), it is beautifully illustrated in full color by a gifted Christian artist, and it has a durable cover. The book focuses on the blessings God has promised the world when Jesus returns. The back of the book contains teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references. There is one outline page for coloring. 28 pages, \$10. Also available in Spanish.

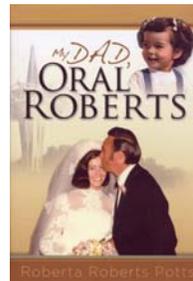


Cathryn Wisley enjoys Dr. Reagan's Bible prophecy book designed for children

Another of Dr. Reagan's best selling books over the years is his "Christ in Prophecy Study Guide." It contains an analytical outline of all Messianic prophecy concerning both the First and Second Advents of Jesus. Every Messianic prophecy in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is identified and categorized. It has a large format (8½ x 11"), and it has a special binding that allows the book to lie flat when open. 135 pages, \$15.

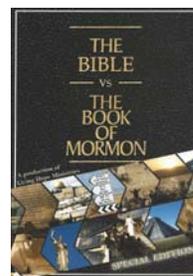
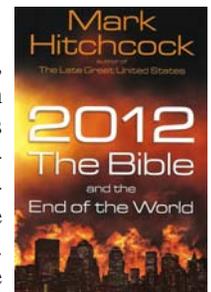


Clearance Items



An absolutely captivating book about the life and ministry of Oral Roberts, written by his daughter, Roberta Potts, an attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is a story of faith that should prove inspiring to anyone. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs. A hardback book that retails for \$25. 300 pages. Our special price while our supply lasts is \$10.

One of Bible prophecy's foremost authors, Mark Hitchcock, debunks the Mayan Calendar and other date-setting techniques based on Web bots, Bible codes, and the so-called prophecies of Nostradamus. He concludes with a sweeping overview of end time events, illustrated with charts and diagrams. 184 pages. Normally \$15. Our special price while our supply lasts is \$5.



A one hour video that compares the Book of Mormon with the Bible, testing the validity of each through archaeology, historical records, textual criticism and other disciplines. It also contains 40 minutes of deleted scenes that provide further insights. Very informative and very convincing that the Book of Mormon is a work of fiction. Normally \$15. Our special price while our supply lasts is \$5. ❖

Ministry News

Israel Pilgrimage — Our next pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for November 2-13. Dr. Reagan will host the tour. The group will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, two in Tiberias (on the Sea of Galilee), and six nights in Jerusalem. This will be a wonderful opportunity to walk where Jesus walked and to become more familiar with the geography of the Holy Land. Experiencing Israel firsthand brings the Bible alive. Or, as one person has put it, “It transforms the Bible from black and white to technicolor.” To sign up to receive a brochure, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm, Monday thru Friday, Central time.

Conferences — Four of our staff members went to Nashville, Tennessee in early March to attend the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. They returned home blessed by what they had experienced. They attended many technical workshops, and they were blessed to hear some great musical groups and a number of anointed preachers.

At the same time, Dr. Reagan and another of our staff members were holding a weekend prophecy conference at the Summit Church in Wichita, Kansas. The conference began on Friday night with a banquet for local pastors and their wives. About 60 pastors came, and Dr. Reagan spoke to them about our nation’s spiritual crisis. The sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning were very well attended.

Future Schedule — Dr. Reagan will begin the month of **May** conducting a prophecy conference at First Baptist Church in Alma, Arkansas (4-5). In the middle of the month he will join Gary Frazier of Discovery Worldwide Ministries in conducting a Sunday conference at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Garland, Texas (12). In **June** Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones will conduct a weekend conference at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Longview, Texas (1-2). All the Lamb & Lion staff will be involved in conducting our annual Bible conference the last weekend in the month (28-29). In **July** Dr. Reagan will be very busy. He is scheduled to begin the month conducting a conference at Mt. Zion Christian Church in Winchester, Kentucky (6-7). In the middle of the month he will travel to Canada to speak at the David Hocking conference which will be held at Central Heights Church in Abbotsford, British Columbia (12-14). Dr. Reagan will conclude the month teaching for a week at a pastor’s conference in Havana, Cuba (19-26).

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Ministry Messages

Book — “Thank you for the copy of your ‘Prophetic Manifesto’ that you recently sent me. I believe you have accurately portrayed the conditions that exist in the United States today and the judgment we face, based on God’s Word . . . I will be using much of your data in an upcoming sermon.” — Pastor Danny Wilson at Lisbon Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Magazine — “I really appreciated your recent magazine article titled ‘A Plea for Grace.’ I really needed the re-balancing that this article very effectively gave, as lately it seems that we need discernment with regard to Discernment Ministries.” — Lyn Doyle in Australia.

Website — “I recently contacted you through your website with a question I had concerning the Rapture. I was so happy to receive such a great and thorough response. I was just recently saved, and your website has been a great resource for me in trying to quench my thirst for learning the Bible and prophecy. I would love to become a Prophecy Partner with your ministry.” — Ira Aikman in Canada.

Conference — “My husband and I attended your prophecy conference this past weekend in Wichita, Kansas. My husband suffered several strokes at the age of 53. In one of the sessions, Dr. Reagan quoted Isaiah 35:5-6 where it speaks about complete healing when we receive our glorified bodies. What an encouragement! Thanks for preaching the truth of God’s Word.” — Julie in Province, Kansas.

Website — “I give thanks to the Lord our God that there are websites dedicated to the spreading of God’s Word, especially about the unfolding of end time prophecies. Thank you, and God bless you all.” — Jessie Bechayda in the Philippines.

Television — “I just want to thank you for your wonderful TV program. I look forward to it every week, and I learn so much every time I watch it. I’ve ordered several of your DVDs, and I also watch your videos on your website. God bless your ministry.” — Tammy Watson in Province, West Virginia.

Magazine — “I read with great interest the Lamplighter article entitled “Are You Living With An Eternal Perspective?” It made me sit up and start thinking about my own perspective. Then, when I read your second article, “School Shootings,” the Holy Spirit grabbed me by the shoulders and began to shake me hard. The articles made me realize that I had taken my eyes off the Master, and I was looking instead to the pleasures of the world for my satisfaction and joy. I could not but fall on my face and weep bitterly before the Lord and ask for forgiveness. I had fallen so far from God, and I did not realize my own apostasy. I know now, if it had not been for the grace and mercy of God, I would have missed the Rapture. Thank you for being the vessel that the Father used to awaken me to the light of God’s Truth. I had listened to the lies of the enemy and had turned to the world and its pleasures. May our God and Father bless you and your ministry and those who work with you in these evil days. Continue to blow the shofar!” — Daniel in Florence, Mississippi. ❖





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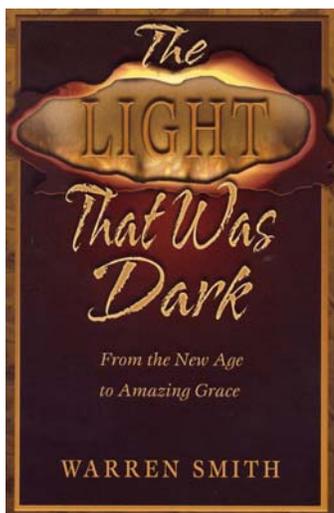
This video album contains two fascinating and informative interviews of Warren Smith, a former New Age advocate who now heads up a ministry located in California.

Warren was deep into the Movement and was even serving as a teacher of its principles when a person confronted him with a verse from the Bible that motivated him to start studying God's Word. As a



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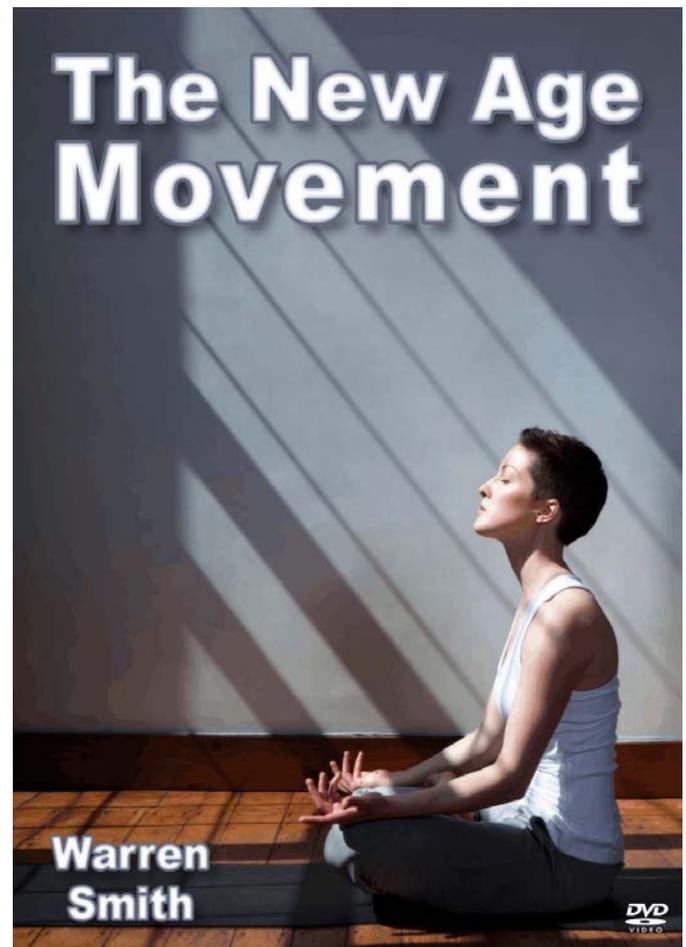
result of that study and his use of the name of Jesus to combat a demonic influence that was tormenting his wife, he came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Today, Warren spends full time writing and speaking about the dangers of the New Age Movement.



In the interviews contained in this album, he responds to the following questions:

- What is the New Age Movement?
- What are some of its most distinguishing characteristics?
- In what ways has the Movement impacted the church today?
- How can a Christian guard against deception by the Movement?

Warren's fascinating and inspirational story of



how he managed to escape from the New Age Movement is related in detail in his book, *The Light That Was Dark: From the New Age to Amazing Grace*.

The video is available for \$12, plus the cost of shipping. The 167 page book can be purchased for \$15, plus the cost of shipping. We can supply both for a bundle cost of \$22, plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday thru Friday. ✦

