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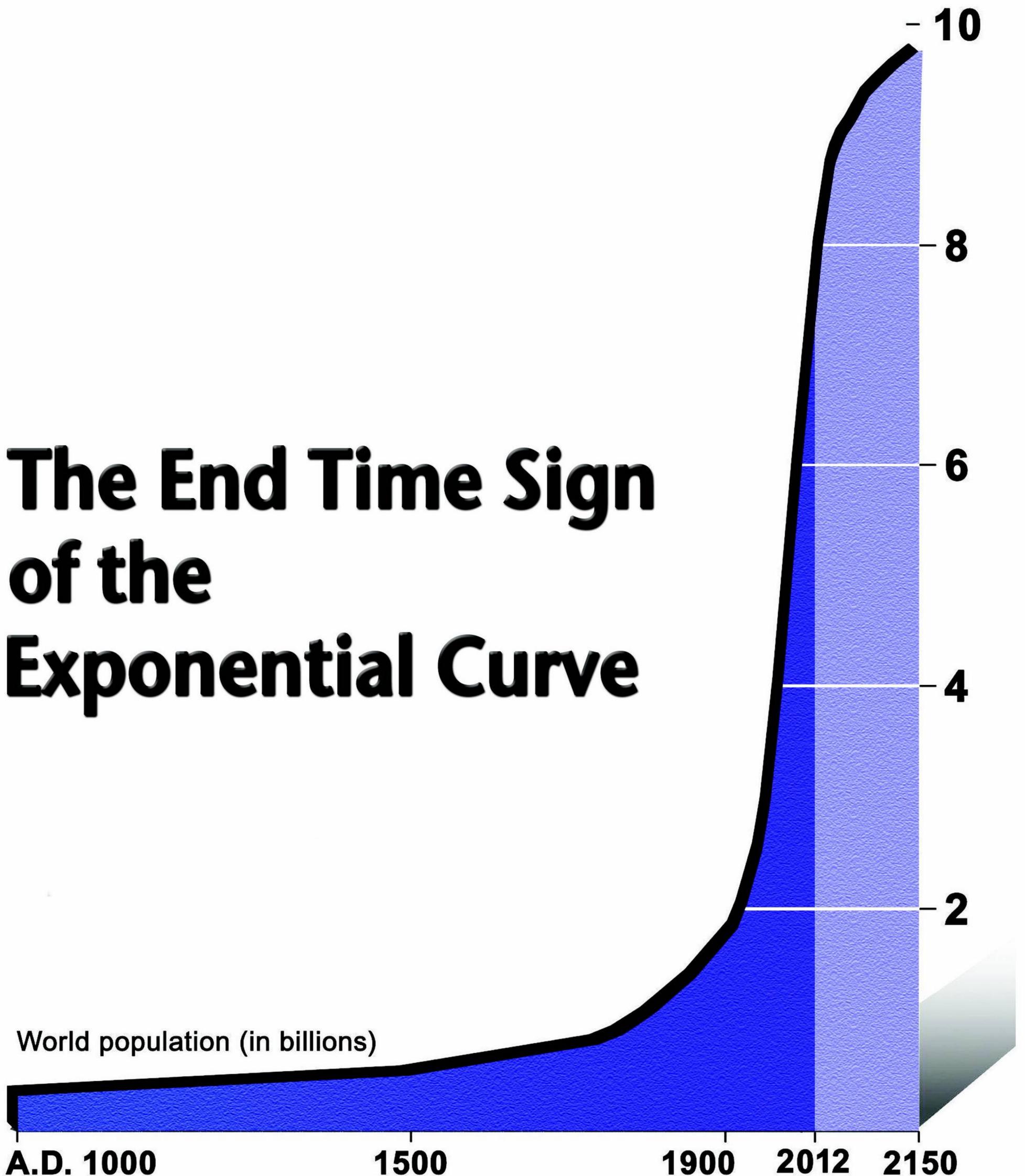
"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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The End Time Sign of the Exponential Curve





Observations by the Editor

Urgency

There is a sense of urgency in the air. Our nation is on the brink of moral and economic collapse. The world is caught up in an insane frenzy of terrorism. The Middle East is about to explode. And the biblical signs of the times are shouting from the heavens that Jesus is about to return.

In the words of Charles Dickens, "It is the best of times, it is the worst of times."

It is the worst of times because the depravity of Man is manifesting itself in the increasing rejection and blasphemy of God. The result is an exponential increase in violence and immorality.

It is the best of times because the collapse of society worldwide is the fulfillment of end time prophecies that point to the soon return of Jesus.

Jesus Himself said that He would return at a time when society was once again as immoral and violent as it was in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37).

An Exciting But Challenging Time

We are privileged to be living in such an exciting and momentous time when we can witness the stage being set for the triumphant return of Jesus. But it is a time that calls for courage.

We simply must keep our eyes on Jesus, and we must remember that even if our nation has no hope, we as individual Christians have great hope.

But that sense of hope will prevail in our lives only if we consciously and determinedly live with an eternal perspective.

God is in Control

We must keep in mind that as the world falls apart around us, God's Word says that He "sits in the heavens and laughs" (Psalm 2:4). His laughter is not prompted by a lack of concern. Rather, He laughs because He has everything under control, for He has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Man and Satan to the ultimate triumph of His Son.

He has also promised that He will



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walk with those who are Christians, accompanying us through fire and high water (Isaiah 43:1-3).

And He has promised us an escape before the world totally collapses into absolute chaos (Luke 21:36). That escape is called the Rapture. When Paul revealed this escape in detail in 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18, he concluded by saying, "Comfort one another with these words."

Additionally, we have the promise of the Millennial reign of Jesus to look forward to. What a day that will be!

Jesus will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords from Jerusalem. David, in his glorified body, will reign as King of Israel. We, in our glorified bodies, will be scattered across the earth to reign over those in the flesh. And the earth will be flooded with peace, righteousness and justice, as the waters cover the seas (Isaiah 2:1-4 and Isaiah 11:3-9).

Maranatha! ❖

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The Exponential Curve

Is it a sign that Jesus is returning soon?

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Have you noticed how almost everything in life seems to be accelerating? Knowledge has exploded. We are traveling faster and farther than ever before. Instant, worldwide communication has become common place. And the power at our disposal is mind boggling.

A Sign of the Times

The Bible teaches that this acceleration of life which we are experiencing will be a sign of the end times — a sign that will signal the soon return of the Lord.

Consider Daniel 12:4. In this verse the Lord tells Daniel that one of the signs of the end times will be an acceleration of travel and knowledge. Here's how the verse reads in the *Living Bible* paraphrase: "Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret . . . Seal it up so that it will not be understood until the end times when travel and education shall be vastly increased."

The same concept of end time acceleration is found in the New Testament. Jesus spoke about it when He talked with His disciples about the signs of the end times that would herald His return (Matthew 24:5ff). He mentioned a great variety of signs — spiritual, natural, societal and world political — and then He said these signs would be like "birth pangs" (Matthew 24:8).

Any mother knows that as the birth of a baby approaches, the birth pangs increase two ways. They increase in frequency and intensity. Thus, Jesus was saying that the closer we get to the time of His return, the more frequent and intense the signs will become. There will be more earthquakes and more intense ones. Likewise things like famine, pestilence and war will increase in frequency and intensity.

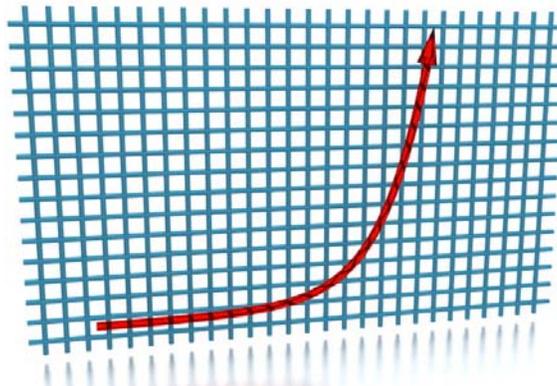
The Mathematical Concept

In mathematics this acceleration is called an "exponential curve." This term comes from what happens when rapid growth is plotted on a chart. When graphing the growth or decline of anything, the rate of change becomes exponential when it starts increasing or decreasing so fast that the plot line becomes vertical.

Now, the point is that the Bible indicates that the exponential curve will be one of the signs of the end times, and my thesis is that we are living in the midst of the exponential curve. Therefore, we are living in the end times.

Examples of the Curve

The 20th Century was the century of the exponential curve. Let's consider some examples.



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1 Population — Demographers estimate that the population of the world at the time of Jesus was only 200 million.¹ It took 1,650 years for the world's population to double! But thereafter it began to double very rapidly because the Industrial Revolution produced modern medicine, which, in turn, reduced infant mortality rates and increased longevity.

As the statistics below indicate, the rate of doubling has now reached exponential proportions.²

Time of Christ		200 million
1650	1650 years	400 million
1850	200 years	1.3 billion
1950	100 years	2.5 billion
1980	30 years	4.5 billion
2000	20 years	6.0 billion

Again, the key to this phenomenal growth has been modern medicine. Most people do not realize how modern our medicine really is and how radically it has affected our lives. For example, the life expectancy in the United States in 1900 was 47 years.³ At the end of the 20th Century it was 77 years. That's an increase of 30 years in life expectancy over a one hundred year period of time!

Many health problems today that are considered minor were deadly as recent as the 19th Century — appendicitis being a good example. During the horrible Flu Pandemic of World War I (1918-1919) over 40 million people died because the flu usually developed into pneumonia, and there was no guaranteed way for treating pneumonia. That's because the very first antibiotic, penicillin, was not discovered until 1928.⁴

Life before the 20th Century was short and brutal — often filled with suffering. If you are 35 years of age or older, you have lived longer than the vast majority of humanity.⁵ Here's an amazing fact: Two-thirds of all the people who have lived to the age of 65 are alive today!⁶

2 Knowledge — Another area that is increasing exponentially is knowledge. The prophet Daniel was specifically told that knowledge would vastly increase in the end times (Daniel 12:4), and it has. In fact, we have become so overwhelmed with the flood of new information that it is difficult to find wisdom anymore, because wisdom comes from reflection on knowledge.

It is estimated that 80% of all scientists who have ever lived are alive today. Every minute they add 2,000 pages to man's scientific knowledge, and the scientific material they produce every 24 hours would take one person five years to read.⁷ The

scientific journals cannot publish all the academic articles that are being written. Many have to limit the articles to one page abstracts, and even then most articles are rejected for a lack of space.

Consider how rapidly knowledge is increasing:⁸

From Jesus to 1500 it doubled (1,500 years)
1500 to 1750 it doubled again (250 years)
1750 to 1900 it doubled again (150 years)
1900 to 1950 it doubled again (50 years)

Today, knowledge is doubling every 12 months!

That means encyclopedias are out of date before they can be printed, which is the reason they are no longer printed. *Britannica* stopped printing in 2010 after 244 years.⁹

I read recently where a research organization had determined that one Sunday issue of the *New York Times* contains more information than the normal person in the 19th Century was exposed to in a lifetime!¹⁰

The most amazing thing to me in the area of information is the World Wide Web that can be accessed through the Internet. Using it, I can access the documents of the Vatican in seconds, and then in a matter of moments, I can go to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, or I can dart back to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. In short, I can access information all over the world without ever leaving my office.

3 Transportation — In 1900 the major means of transportation was what it had always been throughout history — namely, walking and riding a horse. The bicycle had been invented, and the steam engine had been applied to ships and trains. But steam powered transportation was too expensive for most people.

Below is a photograph of 5th Avenue in New York City in 1905. As you can see, the only means of transportation visible is the horse-drawn carriage.



I have a similar photo that was taken in my home town of Waco, Texas in 1912. It shows the city square, and like the photo above, all that can be seen are horse-drawn wagons and carriages.

Today we have automobiles (usually two or more to a



The chart above shows the exponential growth during nine years (1986-1995) of the pioneer Internet provider, America Online. In 1986 the company had 50,000 subscribers and 55 employees. At the end of 1995, it had grown to almost 5 million subscribers and had more than 3,000 employees. (Source: *Dallas Morning News*, January 11, 1996.)

family!) and airplanes. We have bullet trains that travel 150 miles per hour and planes that travel faster than the speed of sound. And then, of course, there are rocket ships that take astronauts into orbit around the earth.

In 1866 Mark Twain traveled to the Holy Land. It took him three months to get there. Today, a group can get on a jet plane in New York and be in Tel Aviv in 13 hours (and most will complain about how long the trip took!).

During the 19th Century, the average number of miles traveled per year by a person in the United States was 500. Many lived and died and never got outside the county they were born in! By 1900 the average number of miles traveled per year by a person inside the United States had risen to 1,000. Today it is 25,000 miles per year, and many of us put twice that much mileage on an automobile in a year's time.

4 Communications — At the beginning of the 20th Century the telegraph had sped up communications considerably, and the telephone had been invented. But the fundamental means which most people used to get information was still the newspaper.

Today our communication resources are overwhelming. We have telephones, radio and television. We have exotic devices like fax machines, pagers and cellular phones. And we can communicate worldwide through satellites.

I never cease to be amazed when I see someone use a credit card at an Arab shop in the Old City of Jerusalem. The shop may be nothing but a primitive hole in the wall, but over in some dark corner there will be a machine where the merchant can swipe the card. A few moments later he receives an authorization. During

those few moments, the card number has been transmitted to Tel Aviv, from Tel Aviv to New York by satellite, from New York to the credit card processing center somewhere in the States, and then back to the Arab shop in Jerusalem!

I am equally amazed at the way I can sit down at a computer at my home or office and use the Internet to send a letter in seconds to almost any place in the world. In 1995 when I got on the Internet, there were only 16 million people using it. Three years later, in 1998, there were 150 million. Today there are 2.2 billion users worldwide!¹¹

Once again, we have the exponential curve.

5 Computers — Computer technology has contributed to the rapid acceleration of many aspects of life, and, of course, the exponential curve applies to the development of computers as well. Anyone who tries to stay on the cutting edge of what is new in computer equipment knows that it is a never-ending battle that requires a lot of money. Advances are so rapid that equipment is out of date within a few months.



IBM Sequoia — As of June 2012 this computer became the world's fastest, surpassing one that had been developed by the Japanese. It operates at 16.3 petaflops, which means it can perform 16.3 quadrillion computations per second!

In 1970 I was a professor at a college where we bought an IBM computer for \$100,000. It operated off punch cards, it was so large that it filled a room, and it generated so much heat that we had to have the room equipped with additional air conditioning. The computer's memory was 64K!

Now, if you are not a computer buff, that may not mean much to you, but keep reading because I'm going to make it understandable; and in the process, I'm going to illustrate how rapidly computer technology has developed.

Ten years later in 1980, this ministry bought one of the first desktop computers made. It was a Tandy TRS 80, Model II. It cost \$4,800 (equivalent to \$12,500 today!). When I turned it on, I was astounded by the first thing that appeared on the screen: "64K Memory." In ten years' time we had gone from a computer that weighed more than a ton to one that sat on a desk top, and the price had dropped 95%. But the memory was the same!

Ten years later in 1990, I went to Radio Shack and bought an electronic Rolodex small enough to fit into the palm of my hand. It cost \$90. And when I turned it on, guess what? The first message that appeared on the screen was "64K Memory."

Today, you can purchase a computer with 4 gigs of memory and a 1 terabyte hard drive operating at 2.7 gigahertz for less than \$500!

The exponential curve also applies to data storage units. The first floppy disk that we used in the TRS 80 was 8" in size. It held 300,000 bytes of information. A few years later the 5¼" disk appeared. It would hold 700,000 bytes. Then came the 3½" disk. Its capacity was 1.4 million bytes! The next hottest thing to come along was the CD Rom disk. I recently read an advertisement for a CD that contained 134,000 pages of theological documents — the equivalent of 1,400 pounds of books!

Today, my data storage device of choice is a tiny thumb drive or flash drive that holds 30 gigabytes!

6 Military Power — Throughout most of recorded history, the maximum power at man's disposal consisted of bows and arrows, spears, and catapults. Even at the beginning of this century, war was still primitive. World War I turned into a stagnant war of attrition because neither side had sufficient power to break out of the trenches.

Eighty years later, we have air power, armored power, nuclear weapons, and sophisticated bacteriological and chemical weapons. We have ICBM's that can deliver a nuclear payload halfway around the world. We have laser-guided missiles that can guide a bomb down a smoke stack hundreds of miles away. And we have nuclear submarines that can circle the globe without surfacing. Incredibly, just one of those subs today has more firepower than all the bombs dropped in World War II!¹² It is no wonder the Bible says that in the end times "men will faint with fear" over the expectation of "the things which are coming upon the world" (Luke 21:26).

7 Violence — I don't think I have to emphasize that violence and lawlessness have been increasing. But it is hard to comprehend how rapid the increase was during the 20th Century.



March 1981

It is estimated by experts that the number of people killed in all the wars fought from the time of Jesus until 1900 was 40 million. In the 20th Century 231 million people died in wars, making it a century of unparalleled carnage.¹³

There are currently a total of 38 wars or civil wars raging worldwide.¹⁴ And then, of course, there has been the advent of international terrorism, resulting in the loss of tens of thousands of lives. In 2011 alone there were 10,283 terrorist attacks worldwide.¹⁵

Within the United States, violent crime increased 430% between 1960 and 2010. During the same period, the country's population increased only 67%.¹⁶

8 Society — The disintegration of society has multiplied in speed as violence, wickedness and immorality have increased exponentially. Jesus prophesied this would happen when He said that end time society would be like it was in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39), when violence and immorality prevailed (Genesis 6:11).



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Paul prophesied about the disintegration of society in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 where he wrote that in the end times people would be lovers of self, lovers of money, and lovers of pleasure. The love of self is Humanism, and it is the religion of the world today, masquerading under many different labels. The love of money is Materialism, and money is the god of these times. The love of pleasure is Hedonism, and that is the prevalent lifestyle of today.

But God cannot be mocked or deceived. When a society makes Humanism its religion, Materialism its god, and Hedonism its lifestyle, there is always a payoff, and that is Nihilism, or despair. And thus it is no accident that we see societies around the world wallowing in despair.

I have witnessed the exponential decaying of society with my own eyes. I was born in 1938. When I was born:

- Abortionists were sent to prison.
- Pregnancy out of wedlock was thought of as scandalous.
- Homosexuality was considered unnatural and immoral.
- Pornography was despised as a perversion.
- Marriage was sacred. Living together was taboo.
- Divorce was a disgrace.
- Homemaking was honored, and daycare was provided by mothers in their homes.
- Child abuse was unheard of.
- Ladies did not curse or smoke.
- “Damn” was considered flagrant language in a movie. (A 1992 film called, “Glengarry Glen Ross,” had the “f-word” in it 138 times in 100 minutes!)¹⁷

I could go on and on about the many ways in which our society (and societies around the world) have decided to “call evil good and good evil” (Isaiah 5:20). But the most dramatic way I can think of to illustrate how rapid the deterioration of society has become in America is to consider the results of two polls concerning public school discipline problems, one taken in the 1940s and the other in the 1980s. Both were taken in the Fullerton, California School District. Consider the drastically different results (and weep!):

**The Top Public School Discipline Problems
Mid-’40s**

- 1) Talking
- 2) Chewing gum
- 3) Making noise
- 4) Running in the halls
- 5) Getting out of turn in line
- 6) Wearing improper clothing
- 7) Not putting paper in wastebaskets

Mid-’80s

- 1) Drug Abuse
- 2) Alcohol Abuse
- 3) Pregnancy
- 4) Suicide
- 5) Rape
- 6) Robbery
- 7) Assault

(Source: *Time Magazine*, February 1, 1988)

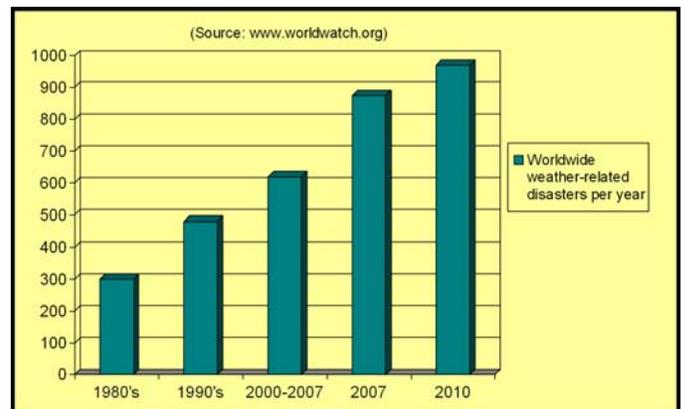
9 Natural Disasters — The Bible says that natural disasters will also be increasing exponentially in the end times, and that is exactly what is happening.

Consider these statistics for natural disasters within our nation between October 1991 and November 2004, a period of 13 years:¹⁸

- 9 of the 10 largest insurance events in US history.
- 5 of the costliest hurricanes in US history.
- 3 of the 4 largest tornado swarms in US history.

And all that was before Hurricane Katrina in 2005!

Putting together all types of natural disasters worldwide, you can see on the chart below how rapidly they are increasing, from an average of 300 per year in the 1980s to almost 1,000 in 2010.



Incidentally, this is a better way of considering natural disasters, as opposed to plotting individual types of disasters. That’s because one type of natural disaster can restrain another type.

Let me illustrate what I mean. Right now (2012) our nation is experiencing its worst drought in modern history, with over 61% of our nation affected.

But one side effect of the drought is that we are experiencing the lowest number of tornadoes in 60 years. After all, you can’t have tornadoes without thunderstorms. The drought has also greatly reduced the amount of flooding.

10 The Economy — This brings us to a man-made disaster — namely the out of control spending that has come to characterize the modern welfare state.

The exponential curve illustrated in the diagram on the next page is leading to the destruction of our nation.

there are 2,100 with 1,900 in progress.²¹

Incidentally, those statistics are a little misleading because they leave the impression that many people still do not have a Bible in their language. The fact is that the existing translations cover over all the major languages of the world, representing more than 90% of the world's population. The translations currently in progress are for tribal languages spoken by 100,000 or less people.

In March of 1995 Billy Graham broadcast a gospel message from Puerto Rico that was carried by 37 satellites to 185 countries and territories in a total of 117 different languages! Over 1.5 billion people viewed the program. It is estimated that more people heard that one sermon than had heard the Gospel since it was first proclaimed by the Apostle Peter 2,000 years ago!²²

With regard to world mission activity, I attended a mission conference in the mid-1990s where one of the key speakers told us that 70% of all mission work in history had been done since 1900, and 70% of that since 1945, and 70% of that since 1985 — all due, of course, to the implementation of modern technology.²³ The results have been overwhelming:

There were 10 million Christians in Africa in 1900.
Today: 516 million²⁴

There were 700 thousand Christians in China in 1949.
Today: 70 million²⁵

There were 50 thousand Evangelical Christians in Latin American in 1900.
Today: 60 million²⁶

And, according to Muslim sources, every day 16,000 Muslims convert to Christianity, for a total of 6 million per year!²⁷

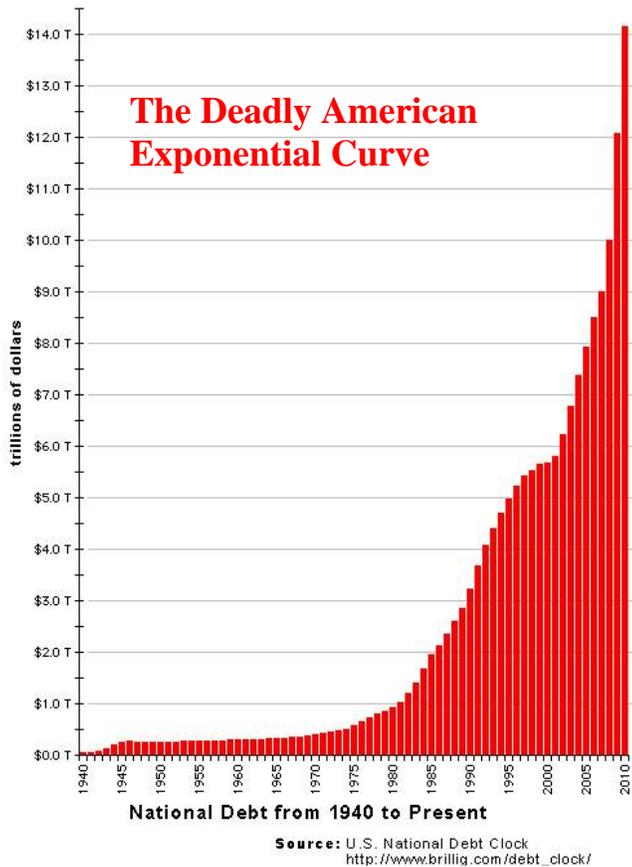
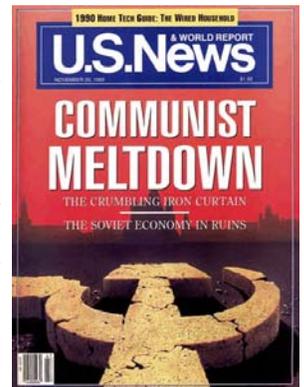
Worldwide, the number of Christians has nearly quadrupled in the last 100 years, from about 600 million in 1910 to more than 2 billion in 2010, constituting one-third of the world's population.²⁸

The conversion rate is on the exponential curve:²⁹

1800	100 per day
1900	1,000 per day
1950	4,000 per day
1980	20,000 per day
1990	86,000 per day
1995	100,000 per day
2010	175,000 per day

12 World Politics — The exponential curve also applies to world events. Habakkuk 1:5 is as relevant today as if it were written yesterday: "The Lord replied, 'Look, and be amazed! You will be astounded at what I am about to do! For I am going to do something in your own lifetime that you will have to see to believe.'"

I took a Sabbatical in 1987 and wrote a book called *Trusting God*. Seven years later, in 1994, I took

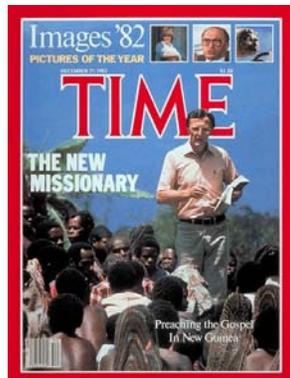


It took over 200 years for our nation's debt to reach one trillion dollars in 1980. Thirty years later, in 2010, it had soared to 14 trillion. Today (2012), it has just topped 16 trillion. It is increasing at the rate of 75 million per hour. The interest alone is accumulating at the rate of 50 million an hour.¹⁹

A good way of illustrating the impact of this overwhelming debt is to consider how much it represents per person in the United States. At a Tea Party Rally in 2010, a little girl about 4 years old was seen wearing a sign that read: "I'm already \$38,375 in debt, and I only own a doll house!" Since that time, our individual share has increased to \$51,000.²⁰

In short, our nation is bankrupt, and our economy could collapse any minute.

11 World Evangelism — Not all the exponential curves are bad. Modern technology has made it possible for the Gospel to be preached to billions of people through the use of such media as short wave radio, motion pictures, and satellite television.



And, again, this phenomenal development is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Jesus Himself said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations and then the end shall come" (Matthew 24:14).

Consider translations of the Bible. In 1800 there were 71 in whole or in part. By 1930 that number had risen to 900. Today

another Sabbatical and completely rewrote that book. The exercise gave me an opportunity to reflect back over the seven years between the two Sabbaticals. I was astounded — even overwhelmed — by the rapid and stupendous nature of world events.

Who could have dreamed in 1987 that within the next seven years any of the following events would have occurred? —

- The tearing down of the Berlin Wall.
- The peaceful liberation of Eastern Europe from Communism.
- The collapse of the Soviet Union.
- The reunification of Germany.
- The resurgence of Islam and its emergence as the greatest threat to world peace.
- The sending of 500,000 American troops to the other side of the world to defend a country most Americans had never heard of (Kuwait).
- The handshake between Rabin and Arafat that has led to Israel surrendering portions of its heartland to the PLO.

In 1987 if you had predicted any of these developments, you would have been written off as “nuts.” The rapidity of these events and their radical nature is breathtaking. They underscore the possibility of the impossible. And they certainly reveal that man is not in control.

The Significance of the Curve



So, what does all this mean to you and me? I would mention at least three things.

First, the exponential curve is proof positive that Bible prophecy is true. The Lord has told us what He is going to do in the end times, and we had better pay attention to what He has said.

Second, the fulfillment of prophecy related to the exponential curve shows that God is in control. Even when it appears that everything on this earth is out of control, we can be assured that God is orchestrating all the chaos to the ultimate triumph of His Son in history (Psalm 2).

Third, the exponential curve is very strong evidence that we are living on borrowed time. It points to the fact that Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven, waiting for the command of His Father to return.

A Warning and an Illustration

I want to conclude by issuing a strong warning against taking time for granted.

Many people are doing that today. They are saying, “I’m going to get serious about the Lord when I get out of school;” or “after I get a job;” or “after I’m established in my career;” or

“after I get married;” or “after I get my children raised.” Time is precious. There is very little left. **Now** is the time to get serious about the Lord.

Let me illustrate how critical the timing is by returning to the exponential curve. Suppose you put one bacterium in a jar, and assume it doubles every second. How many bacteria do you think would exist in the jar at the end of 30 seconds? The answer, incredibly, is 1,073,741,824. That’s more than a billion in thirty seconds! That’s the *ferocity* of the exponential curve.

Now, let’s carry the illustration a step further. If at the end of 30 seconds the jar is half full, how much longer will it take for the jar to become full? The answer is one second (because it will double in the next second). That is the *suddenness* of the exponential curve.

That’s what the Bible means when it says that people will be saying, “Peace and safety!” when “sudden destruction” will come upon them (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

A Call to Action

Are you taking time for granted? Don’t do it. The Exponential Curve is just one of many signs God is giving us to warn of the soon return of His Son. The Bible says that the only reason Jesus has not returned is because God does not wish that any should perish. 2 Peter 3:9 says:

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

In other words, the lovingkindness of God has restrained Him from sending His Son back to this earth. But that restraint is soon coming to an end for our God is a God of justice, and as such, He must deal with the sinful rebellion of this world.

The signs of the times are shouting from the heavens that Jesus is returning soon to pour out the wrath of God on those who have rejected His love and grace. Are you ready for His return? Have you placed your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Do you understand that God deals with sin in only one of two ways?

Consider John 3:36: “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Are you under grace or wrath? God deals with sin in one of those two ways. It is a glorious thing to be under the grace of God. It is a dreadful thing to be subject to His wrath.

Do not turn a deaf ear to the signs of the times. The time to act is now. If you are not a Christian, then reach out in faith and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you have already done that, then commit your life to holiness and evangelism. ❖

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The Sin of Silence

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There is a time to be silent. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." Sally Berger, professor of communications at St. Joseph's College in Indiana observed, "You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut."

Solomon wrote, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, a time to keep silence and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b). The Roman Stoic philosopher, Seneca, said, "It is a great thing to know the season for speech and the season for silence."

However, more often than not, there are occasions where, as someone once said, "Silence is not golden, it's yellow." Martin Luther King put it this way: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." The German theologian and Nazi opponent, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." This reminds me of those well-spoken words of the Irish philosopher Edmund Burke: "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Our Situation Today

We are living in one of the most perilous times in our nation's history:

- It is a time when our nation is turning its back on Israel, and if this present trend continues, it will certainly incite the curse of God on us (Genesis 12:3).
- It is a time when the moral relativism of the secular left is taking precedence over the moral absolutes of God's Word (John 17:17).
- It is a time when those in power are putting our national security at risk by believing in the goodness of our enemies, rather than believing that the heart of Man is evil and desperately sick and, therefore, our enemies cannot be trusted (Jeremiah 17:9).
- It is a time when gay marriage will soon become the law of the land, and God will have to do to us what He did to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:23-36).
- It is a time when 1.2 million babies are being aborted every year, and the pro-death crowd accuses the pro-life

people of "waging a war on women," when in truth they are the ones waging a war on children . . .

- It is a time when multiculturalism is destroying who we are as a people and is dividing us as a nation.
- It is a time when our massive national debt is driving our nation in the direction of Greece, leaving with it a burden our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have to bear.

So, I ask, "Why are the evangelical churches silent?" . . . And I say to the Church of Jesus Christ, "This is no time for silence!"

A Catastrophe of Silence

Each November 9th, Jewish people around the world remember "Kristal Nacht," the "Night of Broken Glass." On that day in 1938, Nazi thugs moved through the cities of Germany smashing the windows of Jewish homes and shops. Synagogues were burned, and innocent men, women, and children were beaten and killed simply because they were Jews. Tragically, most Christians stood by and did nothing. They looked the other way. This was the beginning of the Holocaust.

Now, it is happening again — right here in the United States of America, a nation that has been abundantly blessed by God.

- Silence is prevailing again as militant homosexuals seek to pursue immediate approval and preferential legal treatment for their perversion.
- Silence is prevailing again as God is being forced out of the public arena and is being replaced with a pseudo-science that says, "Something came from nothing. Order came from disorder. Life came from non-life. Intelligence came from non-intelligence, like from a rock." Even Christian seminaries are teaching theistic evolution — that Man evolved from a chimpanzee and is not a special act of God's creation made in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). Is it any wonder we have bullying on our school campuses? If you tell people often enough that they evolved from vicious pre-historic mammals and are genetically related to wild beasts, they will ultimately act like one . . .

A Call to Speak Out

Our nation today is in spiritual, intellectual, economic and moral decline because of the sin of silence. What must we do?

Dr. Laurence White, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas had an answer in a message that was aired on *Focus on the Family* back in the year 2000:

In the face of this relentless onslaught of evil, the Church of Jesus has grown timid and afraid. We have abandoned the truth of God's Word, compromised the stern demands of His Law, tailored our message to meet the felt needs of sinful men (as if sinful men ever knew what they actually needed!) And prostituted ourselves and the gospel we profess to proclaim, for worldly popularity and success.

We as Christian pastors seem to have forgotten that God did not call us to be popular or success-

ful. God called us to be faithful. Faithful preaching never comes in the form of safely vague, pious platitudes. Faithful preaching must identify and denounce the false gods of this world that call for our people to bow down before them every day. God did not call us to be successful CEOs, protecting institutional peace and tranquility . . .

God called us to proclaim His Word, to be vigilant watchmen standing high upon the walls of Zion, sounding forth the clear clarion call of the trumpet, calling out God's people to war against the host of evil advancing around us. We as the Christians of America, we as the pastors of America, have failed in this responsibility before God, and our country is paying a dire price for that failure. Make no mistake about it, brothers and sisters, we are responsible.

The great reformer Martin Luther once declared that "the preacher who does not rebuke the sin of the rulers through God's Word spoken publicly, boldly and honestly, strengthens the sin of the tyrants and becomes a partaker in them, and bears responsibility for them."

When Chick-fil-A president and CEO, Dan Cathy, recently spoke up for traditional marriage, the liberal mayors of Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco, together with the liberal media and gay community, went ballistic, accusing him of being homophobic and accusing all of us who supported him of eating "Hate Chicken."

I asked a pastor of a "seeker-friendly" mega-church in Southern California if he had any plans to interrupt his current sermon series in order to address the biblical view of marriage. His answer was too predictable: "We don't do issue preaching at our church." In other words, "I don't want to offend anybody. I don't want to lose anyone. I don't want emails accusing me of being homophobic."

The Need for Courage

How things have changed over the years!

- Where are the Elijahs who will stand before the wicked King Ahabs of today and challenge them to a contest of the gods?
- Where are the Isaiahs and Jeremiahs who will approach today's kings of Judah and warn them of impending doom for their kingdom if the people do not repent and stop following after false gods?
- Where are the John the Baptists who will stand before today's Herod the tetrarch and accuse him of adultery?
- Where are the men with the courage of Jesus when He called the Pharisees "hypocrites" and accused them of being "full of greed and self-indulgence"?

What the Church needs today is a return of the gutsy messages of the prophets who delivered their warnings from God with passion and without fear of offense. ✚

A Man of Courage by Ron Keller



December 1940

Pastor Martin Niemöller (1892-1984) was a member of the lonely band of Christians who stood against the tide of evil in Nazi Germany.

He was arrested by the Gestapo for faithfully preaching the Word of God at his Lutheran church in the Berlin suburb of Dalham. The judge before whom he was arraigned on charges of sedition seemed genuinely puzzled why a patriot like Niemöller would criticize Adolph Hitler, who was hailed by the German people as their Führer. The judge told Niemöller he could immediately return to his pulpit if only he would stop his attacks on Hitler and the Nazi regime. Niemöller replied, "I cannot and I will not be silent, because God is my Führer."

The morning after Niemöller was arrested, the Lutheran chaplain was making his rounds in the jail. As he entered Niemöller's cell, he was astounded to see his fellow clergyman behind bars. "My brother!" he cried out, "What did you do? Why are you here?"

Niemöller, never at a loss for words, replied, "My brother, given what is happening in our country, why aren't you here?" ✚

Q & A Time

with Nathan Jones



Nathan Jones

As Web Minister for ALamb & Lion Ministries, I get the blessing each day of responding to an inbox full of great questions related to the Bible and Bible prophecy. Many of these questions come from people wanting to know how they can believe the promises of Bible prophecy when they cannot even trust the Bible as the foundation for their faith and understanding of Jesus Christ.

One of these emails delivered the following question from Bridget in Tennessee who wrote asking: “My friend and I have had multiple discussions about the authenticity of the Bible. I believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. She does not. What references can I use to explain and prove the Bible is inspired?”

A Quick Answer

There are so many proofs that the Bible is the inspired Word of God that whole books have been written on the subject. As a matter of fact, I’ve listed a few of them at the end of this article which are excellent in answering this. But, here’s the quick answer to get you started.

I’d begin by explaining to your friend that one of the proofs that the Bible is indeed the inspired Word of God is that there has been no book like the Bible ever produced in all of existence. The Bible is actually comprised of 66 books written over 1,500 years by more than 40 human authors from various backgrounds and places. It was written in three languages — Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. Despite the fact that multiple authors wrote in their own styles, it is easy to tell they were guided by one mind — the Holy Spirit’s — because of the unity of the theme that runs across all 66 books in the Bible (2 Peter 1:20,21 and 2 Timothy 3:16,17). That theme is the unfolding of the story of God’s plan of salvation for mankind through Jesus Christ.

Other Observations

The Bible is also without recording error. The Old Testament books we have today can be verified as accurate translations by comparing them to the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are copies from about 2,100 years ago. In making copies over the centuries, the priest’s copying conditions were so strict that if they made even one error, the whole copy had to be thrown out.

No historical document has so many ancient copies of it in whole or in part as the Bible (5,500 to be exact). We don’t doubt Homer wrote the *Odyssey*, and yet the oldest existing copy we have today of the *Odyssey* was copied 2,200 years after it was originally written. In comparison, the earliest fragments of the Bible we have today date only from 120 A.D., with complete copies such as the Codex Vaticanus from 325 A.D. and the

Codex Sinaiticus from 350 A.D. The closest book to match the Bible in the way of near original copies is Homer’s *Iliad* with 643 copies, but they’re dated nearly 500 years after Homer’s death.

Archaeological finds support the historical references in the Bible pertaining to people, events and geographical sites. In contrast, no such discoveries have ever been made to substantiate the historical accounts in the *Book of Mormon*. Moreover, many of the Bible’s stories have been substantiated by ancient secular historians like Josephus and Tacitus.

Further evidence of the Bible’s supernatural inspiration can be found in the way in which it changes lives. When people read the Bible, they learn about God’s plan for salvation — the sacrifice and victory of Jesus Christ. When people accept Jesus as their Savior and King of their lives, a radical transformation occurs in the way they live. Millions of lives over thousands of years have been radically changed because of the reading of the Bible.

And then, of course, there is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Bible prophecy has been fulfilled 100% of the time. Prophecy in the Bible has a perfect track record. For example, in the Old Testament alone there are 109 specific prophecies concerning the First Coming of the Messiah, all of which were fulfilled in the life of Jesus. Additionally, there are hundreds of prophecies concerning towns, nations and individuals, many of which have already been fulfilled.

Regarding the Messianic prophecies, physicist Peter Stoner figured the probability of just eight of the 109 Messianic prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one man as 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That would be equal to covering Texas two feet deep in quarters, blindfolding a person, turning him loose into Texas, and his finding just one marked coin on the first try. Such odds are astronomically impossible, but not if the Bible is truly God’s Word.



We can therefore trust that the Bible is the true and inspired revelation of God, and put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. With the Bible as our foundation and Bible prophecy as our guide, we can know with assurance what God has planned for us.

Resources

For many more proofs of the inspiration of the Bible, I’d recommend books like *Inerrancy* by Norman Geisler, and anything by Josh McDowell, like *Don’t Check Your Brains at the Door and Evidence That Demands a Verdict*. Dr. Ron Rhodes has many great proofs concerning the Bible at ronrhodes.org. After many discussions with Atheists, Ray Comfort recently wrote a helpful book titled, *You Can Lead an Atheist to Evidence but You Can’t Make Him Think*. ❖

Introducing: The New Lamb & Lion App

Nathan Jones



I was brainstorming with a Bible prophecy colleague of mine concerning how to best proclaim to a younger generation the good news of Jesus Christ's soon return. "Can't be done!" he declared. "They're only interested in staring at their iPhones all day long." I shot back, "Well, then, we'd better be getting our message on their iPhones." And so, a few months later, we have.

While the Gospel message has the power to touch the hearts of every generation since it was originally proclaimed, the means by which that message has been communicated has changed over time, and almost yearly in this fast-paced digital age. While portable devices like smart phones and tablets have surpassed television and computers as the primary method of video watching and communication for Generation Y, the portable phenomenon is hardly limited to the under-30s crowd. Now 66% of all Americans have a portable smart device, and they spend at least 80 minutes or more per day engaging in those little programs affectionately known as Apps.

You who don't own a smart device might be asking, "What's an App?" It's an abbreviation for "application," and it is just a term for a computer program loaded on a portable device.

Where to Get It

Always looking to engage in new media to reach people where they are at, Lamb & Lion Ministries has enthusiastically launched the Lamb & Lion App. Available for your iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices, our new App is available FREE for download through the iTunes App Store and Google Play.

Features

All the informative and engaging resources available through our App are grouped under five handy buttons:

Connect — This feature page provides the many ways you can connect with Lamb & Lion Ministries. Visit our website and online resource center, peruse our announcements and schedule, socialize with us on Facebook and Twitter, and even make a donation online. It's all there!

Media — Want to see our television show "Christ in Prophecy" on the go? Watch a new episode each week, or pull up previous episodes by subject or alphabetically. Can't watch at the moment? No problem! Podcast versions are ready to stream, as well

as transcripts of each show for easy reference. If you want to share what you saw, just tap the Facebook and Twitter buttons and your favorite people can get in on what you just experienced.

Articles — A wealth of Bible prophecy information is at your fingertips — literally — by tapping the Articles button. You'll be connected to lamblion.com to read up on the Rapture, Second Coming, Signs of the Times and many more topics concerning the end times.

Blog — Need a daily dose of Bible prophecy? The Blog feature is the way to go! A new article comes right to your device, providing insight into God's Prophetic Word.

Bible — Carry your Bible with you wherever you go without the weight. Our fully online ESV Bible can be read by you or to you, whichever's your choice. It even offers a daily reading plan to keep you engaged in the Word.

So, go ahead and download the Lamb & Lion App and get captivated by Bible prophecy like you've never been before! ❖

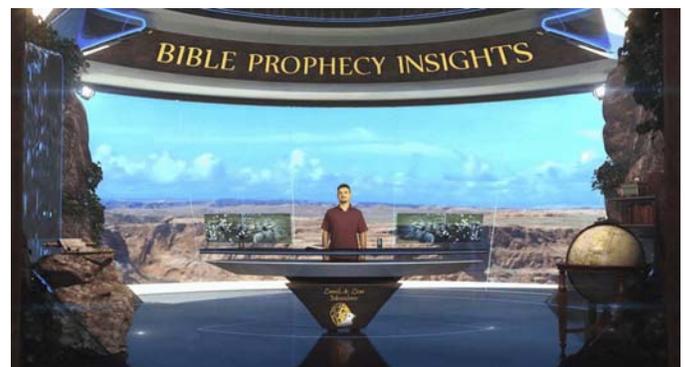
Afterthought by Dave Reagan

I praise God for Nathan Jones' zeal to reach young people with the message of Bible prophecy. He has worked long and hard to develop our new App, and I think those who download it will be very pleased with the finished product. If you are favorably impressed with the App and find it useful to you in your study of Bible prophecy, please take the time to let Nathan know.

As part of his campaign to reach young people, Nathan is also in the process of developing a series of one-minute teaching videos called Bible Prophecy Insights. Three have been completed and can be viewed on our website. Three others are currently in production. These short, high-tech videos have proved very appealing to young people, and we hope to continue to produce a minimum of three a year.

How Nathan finds the time to do these special projects is beyond me. Just think of it for a moment — he is on our website eight hours a day answering questions from both believers and non-believers all over the world; he assists me with the production of our TV program; he writes for our magazine; and he is working on a Master's Degree from Liberty University in Management and Leadership.

I guess the old adage really is true: "You can find time for the things that are important to you." And reaching young people with God's Prophetic Word is very important to Nathan, the father of two sons and a daughter. I praise God for bringing Nathan to us. ❖



Nathan on the Bible Prophecy Insights set.

Threats to Israel —

In September, for the first time ever, a U.S. President refused to meet with the Prime Minister of Israel while he was in this country to attend a meeting of the United Nations. This cold-hearted snub prompted Prime Minister Netanyahu to launch an unprecedented verbal attack on the Obama Administration: “The world tells Israel, ‘Wait, there’s still time.’ And I say, ‘Wait for what? Wait until when?’ Those in the international community who refuse to put red lines before Iran don’t have a moral right to place a red light before Israel.”

And it will come about in that day [the end times] that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it (Zech-ariah 12:3).

The month before, in August, the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, once again threatened to annihilate the state of Israel. Speaking to tens of thousands, he declared, “The goal of this government is to see the Jewish state erased from the map of the Middle East.” No nation would sit idly by and do nothing while a madman like Ahmadinejad threatened to annihilate it as soon as he gets a nuclear weapon. Yet, when Israel takes pre-emptive defensive action, all the world will condemn Israel, just as they did in 1981 when the Israelis destroyed the Iraqi nuclear facility.

Israel is being pressured to surrender its heartland by all the Western powers. And the nation is surrounded by millions of Muslims who are determined to annihilate it. The Israelis must stop looking to the United States to defend them and look instead to God. Their only hope is the promise found in Psalm 121:3 which says:

Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Attack on Marriage —

In August a public official in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil performed a wedding ceremony uniting two men with one woman. The trio had been living together for three years and had a joint bank account and were sharing expenses. The public notary who performed the ceremony said, “We are only recognizing what has already existed. We are not inventing anything new.” She then added, “For better or worse, it doesn’t matter, but what we considered a family before isn’t necessarily what we would consider a family today.”

This bizarre type of reasoning is going to lead to all types of abominable “marriages” in the future, both here in the United States and around the world. If two people of the same sex can be legally married, then why not three or five people? Or a man and his dog? When Man substitutes his depraved reasoning for God’s Law, societal chaos will always be the result.

*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for
darkness . . .
Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
And clever in their own sight (Isaiah 5:20-21).*



Snubbing God —

At the Democrat Convention in September, both God and Jerusalem were kicked out of the party’s platform by its Platform Committee. The reference to God was in a sentence that spoke of working people making

the most of “their God-given talents.” The passage regarding Jerusalem had read that it “is and will remain the capital of Israel.” Later, when the convention was in full session, some delegates asked the convention to override the Platform Committee by re-inserting the references to both God and Jerusalem. That required a two-thirds vote. The convention chairman called for a voice vote, and the Nos were louder than those voting Yes. The chairman was bewildered. He looked like a deer in headlights. He called for a second vote. Again, the Nos prevailed. The chairman was then instructed to take a third vote, and even though the Nos prevailed for a third time, he read from the teleprompter and said, “In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of the delegates have voted in the affirmative and so the motion carries.” So, first they voted out God, and then they violated their rules of order to get Him back in — all for political purposes. What a travesty!

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7).*

Biblical Ignorance —

In August the American Bible Society reported the results of a poll of Americans concerning the Bible. They reported that 85 percent of American households have a Bible, but 8 out of 10 Americans stated that the Bible would play no role in helping them to decide who to vote for in the presidential election! Is it any wonder that professing Christians could vote for a person who endorses abominations like abortion, homosexuality, same sex marriage and Socialism?

Eight out of ten people surveyed also said they believe the Bible is “sacred or holy,” whereas only ten percent said the same about the Quran and only six percent concerning the Book of Mormon. Yet, in spite of this, nearly half expressed a belief that “the Bible, the Quran and the Book of Mormon are all different expressions of the same spiritual truths”! Seventy-nine percent said they considered themselves to be at least “somewhat knowledgeable” about the Bible, yet less than half could name the first five books of the Old Testament. It is no wonder that Billy Graham once said, “The Bible is the least read best seller of all times.”

To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are closed, and they cannot listen. Behold, the Word of the Lord has become a reproach to them; they have no delight in it (Jeremiah 6:10).

Increasing Atheism —

The recent WIN-Gallup poll of worldwide “religiosity and atheism” revealed that atheism is on the rise within the United States. The number of Americans who say they are “religious” dropped from 73 percent in 2005 to 60 percent, and the number of Americans who say they are “convinced atheists” rose from one to five percent. ❖

Meditating on Jesus —

The Christ's One Creed

by Jim Goodwin

It isn't the Church of Christ,
It is the Christ of the Church.
It isn't, "We Baptists," it is He.
It isn't the Church of God or the
Assembly of God,
It is the God of the Church and Assembly.
It isn't the Mormons or Methodist,
It is the Man of Galilee.
It isn't the Universal Church
and the Holy Mother,
It is the King of the Universe
and the Holy Child.
In all things and in all ways, it is Christ.
It isn't what we do. It is what He did.
He is our Righteousness. He is our Hope.
He is the Way, Truth and Life.
All of the virtue is in Him, not us.
It is through His cross that
we are given His virtue.
It is through His indwelling Spirit that we
appropriate Him and His work.
In all things and in all ways
we are on the receiving end.
We always remember the three "Rs" of our
dealings with Him:
Repenting, Receiving, and Relating to Him.
He is our God!
We kiss the Son!
In Him we live, move, and have our being.
We have turned from idols to serve the
Living God:
Jesus Christ!

(Editor's note: Jim Goodwin and his wife, Janet, live in Southern Indiana. For many years Jim served as a Church of Christ preacher in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Later he taught in Christian schools, and after retirement, he started teaching English as a second language. His wife has served as a leader in the pro-life movement in Southern Indiana.)



Jim & Janet Goodwin

Thoughts to Digest —

"At the Rapture, believers will experience an uplift with a face-lift." — Mark Hitchcock

"If we are currently living in the Millennium, as Amillennialists claim, then we must be living in the slum section of it." — Arnold Fruchtenbaum

"Eternity is too long to be wrong." — Gary Frazier

"Christianity began in the Middle East as Truth. It spread to Europe where it became a Religion. Then it was taken to America where it became a Big Business." — Al Gist

Food for Thought



Unhappy Muslims —

The Muslims are not happy!

They're not happy in Gaza.
They're not happy in Egypt.
They're not happy in Libya.
They're not happy in Morocco.
They're not happy in Iran.
They're not happy in Iraq.
They're not happy in Yemen.
They're not happy in Afghanistan.

They're not happy in Pakistan.
They're not happy in Syria.
They're not happy in Lebanon.

So, where are they happy?

They're happy in Canada.
They're happy in Australia.
They're happy in England.
They're happy in France.
They're happy in Italy.
They're happy in Germany.
They're happy in Sweden.
They're happy in Norway.
They're happy in the USA.
They're happy in every country that is not Muslim.

And who do they blame?

Not Islam.
Not their leadership.
Not themselves.

They blame the countries they are happy in!

And they want to change them to be like the countries they came from, where they were unhappy.

(A profound insight from an unknown source.)

Christianity and Society —

Thoughts from Jack Kinsella (editor of The Omega Letter):

"Whenever the world tries to interpret the Bible, they will get it exactly backwards."

"The religious Left is what is left behind after the Holy Spirit has left the building."

"When you combine the religious Left with social justice, what emerges is an unjust system in which success is penalized and sloth is rewarded."

"Federal funding of abortions is the epitome of immorality. But from the perspective of the 'socially just' religious Left, federal funding of abortions is a moral imperative, since without it, poor women wouldn't be able to murder their babies easily. And that's just not fair. Is it?"

"Nowhere does Jesus advocate taking wealth from one person and giving it to another. To do so would violate the Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal" in order to satisfy the demand created by violating the Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet."

"The role of charity is reserved, not for the religious Left or for the government, but for the true Church of Jesus Christ." ❖

New Programs

Dr. David R. Reagan

Earlier this year we shot three programs with Eric Barger, who is one of our viewers' favorite guests. Eric is the founder of an apologetics ministry called "Take A Stand!"

We talked with Eric about the increasingly aggressive Atheist assault on Christianity, and we did a follow-up program concerning the questions that are most frequently asked by unbelievers. But the program we did with him that is likely to receive the greatest response was one about the new phenomenon called Christlam, a movement to merge Islam with Christianity.

The three programs featuring Eric were broadcast in late October. If you missed any of them, you can find them on our website at www.lamblion.com.

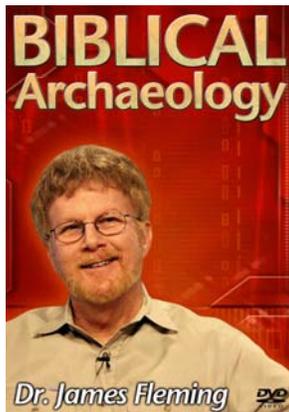
Life in Bible Times

In mid-November we will start broadcasting a series of four programs that we shot at Jim Fleming's Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia. Jim is one of Christendom's foremost experts on biblical archaeology. His Center provides a hands-on learning experience for both adults and children about how people lived in Israel at the time of Jesus.



Jim Fleming and Dave Reagan

A couple of years ago we brought Jim Fleming to our video studio and shot a series of fascinating interviews with him about various aspects of biblical archaeology, such as the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He talked about what he considered to be the ten greatest discoveries related to biblical archaeology, and he described in detail how he discovered the ancient Eastern Gate in Jerusalem — a discovery that made him world famous. The album contains four interviews that run 80 minutes in length. It sells for \$12 and can be ordered by phone at 800-705-8316 or through our website. ❖



**"Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule
National Networks**

Daystar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369		DISH Channel 263		
On cable networks throughout the nation.				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm

Inspiration Network				
Available on cable networks				
DirecTV Channel 364		DISH Channel 259		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:00pm

The Church Channel				
DirecTV Channel 371				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

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

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

Regional Networks



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



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

A Blessed Publication

Dr. Reagan's booklet, *A Prophetic Manifesto*, has been greatly blessed by the Lord. We have already printed 30,000 copies, and it looks like we will have to print more. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to mail out 15,000 copies to pastors all over the United States.

Some of the pastors who received copies have called and ordered 50 to 100 copies to distribute to every family in their congregation. The owner of a Christian television station in El Paso, Texas was so impressed with the booklet that she called and offered to fly Dr. Reagan to her city for a live TV interview. Jack Hayford, the renowned California pastor and former head of The Foursquare Churches, called one evening and left a very encouraging message, telling Dr. Reagan how impressed he was with the straightforward, simple and passionate message of the Manifesto.

Dr. Reagan has been invited to present the message of the Manifesto at the Future Congress 2 Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas in January of next year (<http://futurecongress.com>).

The Manifesto is 40 pages long. It addresses two topics: the future of our nation and the return of Jesus. It calls pastors and laymen to get serious about both subjects — to realize that our nation has assured its doom by turning its back on God and to face up to the fact that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

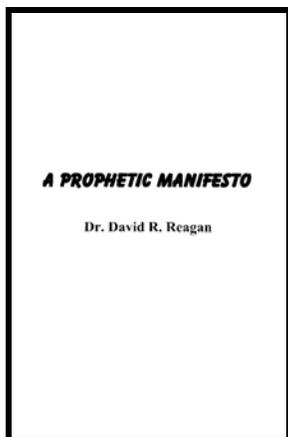
The Manifesto stresses the urgency of the times in which we are living. Our nation is on the brink of collapse, and Jesus is about to break from the heavens. The time is overdue for Christians to awake from their slumber and realize they are living on borrowed time. Likewise, pastors need to shift the focus from church growth schemes to preparing their people for hard times and the Lord's imminent return, calling their people to holiness and evangelism.

Many have asked why the booklet has such a stark cover. The reason is that it contains a stark message that is devoid of pleasantries. There is no "tip-toeing through the tulips" to avoid hurting feelings. The message is simple, blunt, and passionate.

Copies of the Manifesto are available for two dollars each plus the cost of mailing. Twenty or more copies can be purchased for \$1.50 each plus the cost of mailing. You can place your order by calling 800-705-8316 Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm, Central time. Or you can order through our website at www.lamblion.com.

There are many more churches we would like to send copies to. If you would like to help with that effort, designate your donation for "Mailing of the Manifesto."

Meanwhile, put the Manifesto on your prayer list and pray for its widespread distribution and for the impact of its message. Thank you! ❖



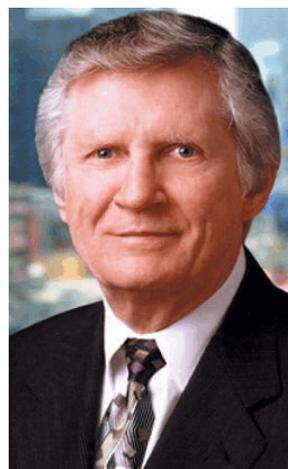
Similar Voices

Dr. David R. Reagan

In Old Testament times, when God got ready to destroy His beloved nation of Judah because of their refusal to repent of their sins, He raised up a chorus of prophetic voices to give the nation one last warning.

God is very patient. He will often tolerate sin a long time. But a day of reckoning will come if there is no repentance. The prophet Nahum put it this way: "The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished" (Nahum1:3).

In my book, *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy* (1st edition in 2003, 2nd in 2006, and 3rd in 2009), I outline in detail the way in which God deals with nations. I point out that when a nation begins to rebel against God, He will raise up prophetic voices and send remedial judgments to call the nation to repentance. Because He is a compassionate God (Psalm 103:8), He never pours out His wrath without warning.



David Wilkerson

The first voice he raised up to warn our nation and call us to repentance was David Wilkerson (1931-2011). I have always referred to him as America's Jeremiah. Two books of his in particular were visionary warnings to this nation, with passionate calls for our repentance: *The Vision* (1974) and *America's Last call: On the Brink of a Financial Holocaust* (1998). Unfortunately, our nation and our churches turned a deaf ear to both books.

Since the turn of this century, just as in the days of Judah's spiritual and moral decline, the Lord has raised up a chorus of voices to get the attention of our nation, all of whom are warning that our days are numbered if we do not repent. Here is a partial list:

- Terry James, *The American Apocalypse* (2009)
- David Jeremiah, *I Never Thought I'd See the Day!* (2011)
- Jonathan Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2011)
- Robert Jeffress, *Twilight's Last Gleaming*" (2012)
- Joel C. Rosenberg, *Implosion* (2012)

On July 24th of this year, Billy Graham added his voice. In an open prayer letter addressed to the nation, Graham asserted, "My heart aches for America and its deceived people." He proceeded to proclaim that the only hope for America is for the nation to repent of its sins.

Meanwhile, the remedial judgments on our nation continue as we are in the midst of the greatest drought in modern history, with over 61% of our country in drought conditions. God's patience with us is drawing to a close. Will we wake up before it is too late? ❖

Missions Report

Thanks for your help!

We want to thank you for the overwhelmingly generous donations you have supplied to the foreign ministries that we support on a regular basis. Pictured below are some of the projects your gifts have made possible.

In Nicaragua



Donald Dolmus stands next to the new car that your donations provided. Donald is our staff member in Nicaragua who translates all our materials into Spanish and posts them on his website at www.endefensadelafe.org. He uses the car to travel over his country on the weekends to hold Bible prophecy conferences.

In Nigeria



Your donations made it possible for Christians in Nigeria to rebuild their church building that was fire bombed by Muslims. And through thousands of dollars of other donations, you have made it possible for Christian refugees to be fed and clothed and housed.

In the Philippines



Remegio Blanco stands next to the jeepney bus made possible by your donations. He will use it to take people to his evangelistic crusades and Bible prophecy conferences.

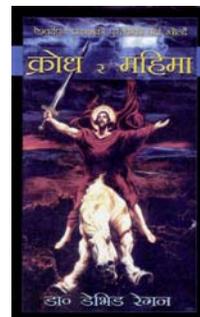
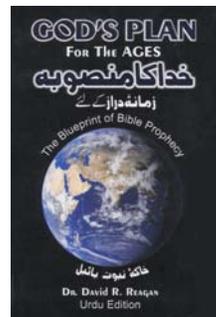
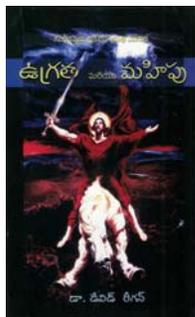


This new water well will supply water to the orphanage that Remegio Blanco operates in the Philippines. Did you know that 80% of all sickness in the world is attributable to unsafe drinking water? Below is a photo of the orphans this well will be serving.



Children at Pastor Blanco's Filipino Orphanage are decked out in their new school clothes and back packs. Pastor Blanco can be seen peeking above the head of the girl on the front row with the yellow head band. His wife is on the far right on the front row. His son, Joseph and his wife are standing in the background.

In Pakistan and India



Nazir Gill in Pakistan and John Ishmael in India continue to publish our ministry's books in the languages of their countries and nearby nations. Pictured above (right to left) are translations in Telegu (Indian language), Urdu (language of Pakistan), and Nepali (language of Nepal). Other foreign translations are currently in progress.

Gift Suggestions for Christmas

Three Book Special!

Dr. David R. Reagan combines his 20 years of experience in teaching international politics with his 30 years of teaching and preaching Bible prophecy to provide some penetrating insights into God's plan for the ages, how Christians should live in the end times, and what the future holds for the United States of America.

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Cost: \$30 plus the cost of mailing. Savings of \$15.00! Ask for special offer number 290.

Ron Carlson Insights

Before his death in 2011, Ron Carlson was considered to be Christendom's foremost apologetics expert. He traveled the world constantly, defending the faith on every continent. We are offering two great resources by Ron Carlson that will help you arm yourself to discern the lies of the cults. Jesus in Matthew 24 forewarned that false prophets would be on the rise before He returns. The following book and video will help you identify and resist these false teachers.



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Thinking About Eternity

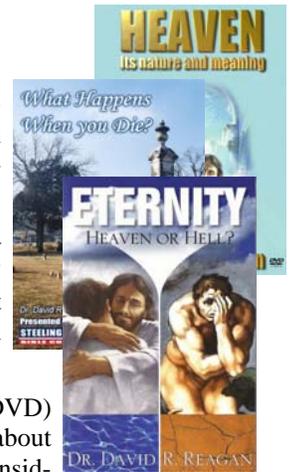
Do you have questions about death, resurrection, and your eternal destiny? You can get detailed biblical answers in this comprehensive three-pack special.

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What Happens When You Die? (DVD) — Dr. Reagan presents the biblical case for the Christian hope of life after death, revealing the myriad of promises that God has made to believers concerning their participation with Jesus in His Millennial reign and their life with God in the Eternal State. 50 minutes.

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On Location in Israel



Seven video albums which were all shot in Israel, containing 9 hours of video footage!

1) **A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** — Experience a Holy Land pilgrimage led by Dave Reagan. See sites throughout the land of Israel that are related to both the First and Second Comings of Jesus. The tour begins in Tel Aviv, proceeds up the coastline to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and concludes in Jerusalem. 75 minutes.

2) **Israel in Bible Prophecy** — At fascinating sites all over the Holy Land, Dr. Reagan presents seven prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus. 65 minutes.

3) **The Galilee of Jesus** — Learn about the area of Israel where Jesus grew up and where He based His ministry. 75 minutes.

4) **Jerusalem Through Spiritual Eyes** — The Gates and Tombs of Jerusalem and the Via Dolorosa and how they relate to the life of Jesus. 75 minutes.

5) **Life in Bible Times** — Four very fascinating teachings about life in Bible times, all filmed at the Bible Times Learning Center located in a suburb of Jerusalem. 75 minutes.

6) **Profiles in Righteousness** — Learn about the faithful lives of righteous men like Cornelius, Elijah and King David, while exploring Israel in this fascinating travelogue! 75 minutes.

7) **The Mountains of Jerusalem** — Four programs that focus on the mountains surrounding Jerusalem and their relevance to the life of Jesus. 100 minutes.

Cost: \$75 plus the cost of mailing. Savings of \$30. Ask for special offer number 740. ✚

Ministry News

Schedule — Dr. Reagan will be in Israel the first two weeks of **November** conducting a general tour of the Holy Land. In early **December** Dr. Reagan will attend the annual Pre-Trib Conference in Dallas, together with a video crew. They will be interviewing Bible prophecy experts about the book of Revelation. In **January** Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones will begin the new year speaking at the Future Congress 2 Conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the DFW Airport (4-6). The next weekend Dr. Reagan will travel to Enid, Oklahoma to speak at Oakwood Christian Church (13). He will conclude the month speaking at Community Christian Church in Apache Junction, Arizona.

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



John Sonsie is shown above with his wife, Trish, his son, Josiah, and his daughter, Natasha.

John was adopted at age 3 into a Christian family and grew up in Melbourne and later in Sydney. He was hungry to know more about God, so he started attending a friend's Baptist church. That led to a decision to participate in a two year short-term missionary program with Operation Mobilisation. He set sail on a ship called The Doulos which carried over 350 young people from 35 different nationalities, and that's where he met his wife, Trish. John went on to study computing and currently works for a telecommunications company. John helps lead worship at his local church and teaches a Bible study when he's not moderating the Christ in Prophecy Facebook group.

Israel Pilgrimages — In 2013 we are planning to conduct two pilgrimages to the Holy Land, one in April (6-17) and the other in November (2-13). If you are interested in either trip, contact us, and we will put you on a notification list to receive a brochure. Both trips will start in Tel Aviv, proceed up the coast to Acre and then over to the Sea of Galilee, and from there to Jerusalem. Dr. Reagan will be serving as the tour host.



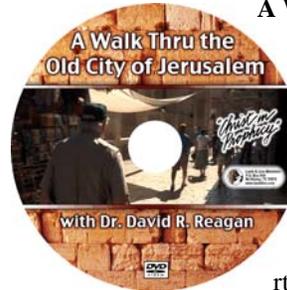
Prophecy Partners — Our Prophecy Partners are the people God works through to supply spiritual and financial strength to the ministry. They pray for us regularly, and they commit to give \$20 a month or more for one year. Our goal is to acquire 3,000 partners as soon as possible. Each month, Dr. Reagan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



Dr. Reagan is pictured above with Ken and Patti Lytle, Prophecy Partners who live in Indianapolis.

Popular Videos —

Two of our most popular videos are brief ones that we produced recently. Each runs about 30 minutes in length, and each sells for only \$5 plus the cost of shipping. You can purchase them separately, or you can order both for a discount price of \$7 plus the cost of shipping.



A Walk Thru The Old City of Jerusalem — Dr. Reagan leads you on a walk from the Lion's Gate on the East side of the Old City to the Jaffa Gate on the West side and then on to the Jewish Quarter. It is a fascinating and informative tour of the ancient city that will one day be renewed to serve as the headquarters of the Lord's Millennial reign.

The Evil of Replacement Theology —

Dr. Reagan presented this hard-hitting sermon at this year's Lamb & Lion Conference banquet. He traces the history of Replacement Theology from the earliest days of Christianity and shows how it has served to motivate virulent anti-Semitism. It is a tough, eye-opening message that Christians need to hear. It is a challenge to the Church to repent of this wretched theology and to face up to the fact that God still loves the Jewish people and has a purpose for them. ❖





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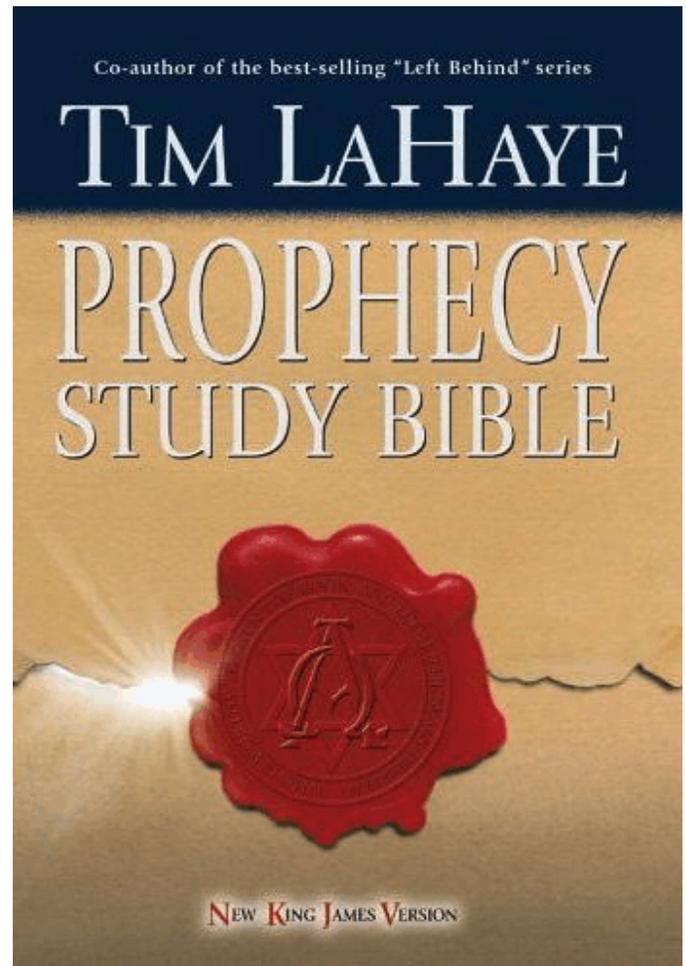
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