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Observations by the Editor

Holding Leaders Accountable

Thave recently received several strongly worded condemnations for expressing any criticisms of President Trump. In the process, the same two questions appear over and over:

"Don't you know that God is the One who places political leaders in their positions of power?"

"Don't you know that we are supposed to pray for our leaders?"

Yes, I am fully aware that God is the One who decides what leaders will rule. The Bible says so point blank (Daniel 2:20-21 and Romans 13:1). But that does not mean they are to be immune from criticism. God put every biblical king on his throne, and then He raised up prophetic voices to keep those kings true to His Word.

And the response of the kings and their political supporters was seldom ever positive. King Ahab's wife, Jezebel, threatened the life of Elijah. Jeremiah was denounced as a traitor and was cast into a pit to die. John the Baptist was executed for condemning the immorality of his king.

Further, it must be kept in mind that just because a leader is put into power by God does not mean that leader is a good one to be supported regardless of what he does. God often gives a nation the kind of leader it deserves, and that leader may prove to be a very evil one who has been imposed on the nation as a remedial judgment to call the citizens to repentance.

I doubt that I would be receiving these condemnations and questions if Hillary Clinton had been elected. I suspect that any criticisms of her and her policies would be cheered on by the very ones who are so upset over any criticism of Trump.

Let me be very clear about where I stand. I am not a Republican or a Democrat. I am a Monarchist. I have devoted my life to doing everything I possibly can to help prepare the way for the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords who



Dr. Reagan during a recent interview on the Daystar television network.

is about to return to Jerusalem to institute a reign of peace, righteousness and justice for all the world.

And as a prophetic voice called by God, I will speak out about any violations of God's Word by our political leaders, regardless of their party affiliation. If you are looking for a partisan conservative political voice to support — someone like Rush Limbaugh or Todd Starnes or Mark Levin — don't look for that voice here at Lamb & Lion Ministries. This is not a political organization. This is a Christian ministry.

Yes, I am concerned about societal issues like abortion, pornography and homosexuality, and I have spoken out strongly on these and other social issues, but I am far more concerned about the eternal destiny of people's souls.

I'm not seeking the support of political activists. I am seeking the support of those who desire to link arms with me in my desire to proclaim to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, that Jesus is coming soon.

And yes, I also agree with that second question that is constantly thrown at me — I believe we have a biblical requirement to pray for all of our political leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3). But that does not give them immunity to criticism. They must be held accountable — not only to our Constitution and laws, but also to God's Word.

For those of you who are so concerned about my criticizing President Trump, I would appeal to you to put God's Word ahead of partisan politics. •

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Jan Markell

A Voice Denouncing Apostasy

Dr. David R. Reagan

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. — 2 Tim. 4:1-4

Tan Markell is truly a "watchman on the wall" (Isaiah 62:6). J She loves her Lord and His Church. She boldly asserts that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. And she has dedicated herself to guarding His Church from both internal heresies and external attacks.

She is a very unlikely candidate to serve the Lord as a prophetic voice to our nation. She was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota where she grew up in a home with an Orthodox Jewish father and an elapsed Evangelical mother.¹

When she was 11 years old, some Christian neighbors invited her to go with them to a nearby Baptist Church to hear the famous Messianic evangelist named Hyman Appleman (1902-1983). She later said that she was not sure she understood all that he was talking about, "but that man convicted me."²

When she shared his message with her mom, she got convicted also and decided to get the both of Dr. Reagan with Jan Markell during her 2006 annual conference.

them active in a church where they could grow in the faith. "We ultimately found a solid Baptist church, and we got very involved." It happened to be a church where Bible prophecy was taught, and so, as a teenager, Jan began to learn God's Prophetic Word.

Getting into Ministry

When she was 30 years old, Markell visited Israel, read Hal Lindsey's Late Great Planet Earth, and got involved with Messianic Judaism — all in one year's time!⁴ For two years she worked with Jews for Jesus. Then, in 1982, she formed her own ministry and called it Olive Tree Ministries.

Those early years of ministry were very busy and exciting:⁵

When I began Olive Tree Ministries, I ministered in hundreds of churches, home fellowships, women's groups, and even some men's groups. Every week I would pile my small vehicle with a 12 string guitar, sound and audio-visual equipment, books, and a map and head toward destinations large and small. My audiences were enthusiastic as I shared messages focusing on Bible prophecy, Israel, Israel in prophecy, Christ in the Passover, Jewish evangelism and current events.

But this frenetic activity did not last for long. In 1985 she was forced to greatly curtail her ministry due to being afflicted with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She battled this condition for 21 years until August of 2000 when she was very suddenly and miraculously healed.7

In April of 2001, with her new-found energy, Markell start-

ed a radio program on one local station. A year later, she started holding Bible prophecy conferences. As she put it to me in an email message, "I was in my 50s kind of starting over."8

Today, her radio program is syndicated on the Salem Radio Network and is broadcast weekly Her listeners say "Jan is a reality check on the news." ¹⁰

When asked if she preferred to be called a Messianic Jew or a Christian Jew, she replied, "I am just a Bible believing Christian with

over 850 radio stations. Her annual prophecy conference attracts an audience of 3,000 to 4,000 per day.9

a Jewish heritage."11 Her mom died of cancer in 1987. Her dad became a believer in Yeshua in his waning years. Jan spent two years at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota where she earned an Associate degree. She has never married.

Jan Markell is a strong woman with strong opinions, but one interesting thing I discovered is that she often expresses her opinions through other people. She does this through the people she invites to speak at her conferences, through those she selects to interview on the radio, and through the authors she quotes extensively in her articles.

Her ministry headquarters is located in Maple Grove, Minnesota,

a suburb of Minneapolis.



Israel in Theology

Being Jewish and a student of Bible prophecy, Markell has always been a staunch advocate in behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

Like Bill Koenig, she has been an outspoken opponent of Replacement Theology. She has verbally blasted the Presbyterian Church USA, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church for their criticism of Israel and their support of the Palestinians. ¹² She has also rebuked the World and National Councils of Churches, proclaiming that "ecumenism is their real god." ¹³

Markell takes the position that when a person or church embraces Replacement Theology, they end up with "re-

placement reality" because "reality gets totally skewed." She argues that the refusal to recognize the re-establishment of Israel as part of God's end time plan is "all a part of the end time falling away the Bible predicts," and it will be a part of the rampant apostasy that will characterize the final days before Jesus returns. She says she knows there are some good people in these churches, "but for the sake of your soul and your family, may I urge you to flee unless you feel you can make a difference."

Markell has also taken a strong stand against another heretical doctrine that relates to the Jewish people. It is called Dual Covenant Theology. This is the absurd idea that the Jewish people do not need Jesus because they can be saved by following the laws of the Torah. She has declared that this viewpoint amounts to loving the Jews into Hell.¹⁷

She tells about attending "a night to honor Israel" at a Word of Faith church in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. The pastor of the church ended the program by telling the audience of Jews and Christians that the Jews do not need to be saved because they are "automatically saved." She labeled the pastor a "Pied Piper of Heresy," and she said this "night to honor Israel should have been labeled 'a night to curse the Jews." She concluded the article by observing that "ushering the Jewish people into Hell by withholding the Gospel is hardly blessing them or doing them a favor." ¹⁹

Israel in Politics

Markell gets absolutely livid when commenting on Israel's mistreatment by our nation or in the realm of international politics. She thoroughly condemned President Obama's deal with Iran in 2015, arguing that he had "lit the first match for World War III which will morph into Armageddon." She declared that it was "the deal from Hell" and that Obama was nothing but "an agent of the Ayatollahs." ²¹

In like manner, she blasted Obama for his decision in December 2016 to lift the U.S. veto in the U.N. Security Council in order to allow the passage of a resolution of condemnation of Israel for building new apartments in disputed territory. This resolution also affirmed Palestinian authority over East Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount and the Western Wall within

Olive Tree Ministries



the Old City.²²

Markell blamed Obama for the resolution, saying it was just another attempt on his part to "humiliate and marginalize" Israel's Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu.²³ She likewise castigated the United Nations, branding it as "the most corrupt, tin-pot-dictator-driven, anti-American, anti-Semitic, American-resource-draining cesspool in the world."²⁴

Concern for the Church

God's purposes among the Jewish people are central to Markell, but an even greater passion of hers is the purity of the Lord's Church. This is the topic she has focused on in recent years, particularly due to the increasing influence of the apostate Emergent Church Move-

ment.

In a recent email message to me, she stated, "My real burden today is the state of the Church." She went on to say that she is "heartbroken" over what is happening to the Church today. "I have memories of the church of my youth," she wrote, "... a church that was so solid, was prophecy and Israel focused, and talked about important things, not 'seeker-sensitive' issues." ²⁶

The Erosion of the Evangelical Movement

Markell has pointed out repeatedly that the term, Evangelical, no longer has any meaning. At one time it stood for people who believed in the inerrancy of the Bible and believed the Bible should be our guide for all doctrines and morals. Today there are people calling themselves Evangelicals who are denying the fundamentals of the faith. In fact, the apostasy among Evangelicals has grown so great that it is now often difficult to differentiate them from the old mainline denominational liberal advocates of the Social Gospel.²⁷

In a powerful article titled, "Liberal Evangelicals Don't Represent Me," Markell points out that in 2006 "Evangelicals jumped on the global-warming bandwagon." In 2010, "immigration became the new Evangelical cause." In 2011, came the "Circle of Protection" made up of those Evangelicals who were focused on protecting the poor from federal budget cuts. The climax came later that year when the National Association of Evangelicals decided to call for nuclear disarmament.²⁸

In another article, Markell stated that "on the surface there doesn't seem to be a dime's worth of difference between the National Association of Evangelicals and the World and National Councils of Churches."²⁹ She added:³⁰

For years the NAE focused on salvation issues. Not any longer . . . The NAE's most recent press release . . . is their endorsement of "An Evangelical Declaration Against Torture." Tell them you want an "Evangelical Declaration on Saving Lost Souls."

"Christians should care about the poor," wrote Markell, "but to me, poverty, climate change, war, immigration and women's rights are not primary Evangelical issues."³¹ Instead, she argued, "Evangelicals should be focused on soul winning:"³²

Once again, we see a vain "fix the earth" mentality. The wrongs of this world cannot be made right until Christ's return. Since that just might be soon, could we please go back to the fundamentals of soul winning, the calling card of Evangelicals for decades? We can't fix anything on this planet because the devil is in charge right now. One of the things our government is assigned to do, and rightly so, is to protect its citizens. One of the things Evangelicals are to do is to share the Gospel. Nuclear disarmament is not a church issue. Somebody do a reality check.

In another article titled, "When Evangelicals Dine With The Wicked," Markell castigated Bill Hybels, the founder of the "seeker-sensitive" approach to Christianity. ³³ She emphasized his annual "leadership conferences" that have featured "problematic" speakers like Jimmy Carter, Tony Blair and rock star Bono — among many others.

In response, Markell asked a series of penetrating questions:³⁴

Will these speakers spur the attendees to share their faith with greater zeal?

How will the attendees grow spiritually from their exposure to these people?

How does this further the Kingdom of God?



Jan recording radio programs.

Emergent Church Leaders

Markell has also written extensively about the dangers of the Emergent Church Movement and its leaders. She has called the movement a "dangerous fad" that is helping to undermine our nation's Judeo-Christian worldview.³⁵

This movement emphasizes mysticism, sensory immersion and opinions as opposed to biblical truths. In fact, many of its leaders would deny the existence of absolute truth. Many also denigrate the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures.

Some of Markell's revelations about the movement include the following:

- The most visible leader of the movement, Brian McLaren, has stated "that not all people need to be Christians to follow Jesus — some may be Buddhists or Hindu followers."³⁶
- Richard Foster and Brennan Manning, both revered by Evangelicals, "have never met a mystical practice they didn't endorse."³⁷
- Christianity Today magazine, supposedly the "house organ of Evangelicalism," called the Harry Potter books "a wonderful Christmas gift for all." 38
- Markell's alma mater, Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, claims to be an Evangelical school that is dedicated to "taking our faith in Christ and integrating it into everything we learn . . ." Yet, in 2009, the university sponsored an "Interreligious Symposium" promoting common ground between Buddhism and Christianity. Markell wrote the conference off with these words: "Bethel University throws its students to interspiritual wolves."

Rick Warren

Markell has been particularly aggravated with Rick Warren, the highly influential pastor of the Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. She has focused on him because of his widespread influence among Evangelicals.

In 2009, she posted an "open letter" to Rick Warren in response to his appearance before the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).⁴¹ According to the *Washington Times*, Warren told that group that he envisions "a coalition of faith."⁴² The *Times* also reported that "Mr. Warren was sparse in his mentions of Jesus and God."⁴³

In her open letter to Warren, Markell stated:44

Pastor Warren, you pleaded with 8,000 Muslim listeners . . . to work together to solve the world's greatest problems by cooperating in a series of interfaith projects. You said, "Muslims and Christians can work together for the common good without compromising my convictions or your convictions."

Pastor Warren, you needed to compromise the convictions of the Muslims in attendance. The hour is too late to withhold a Gospel message without which they will face a Christless



Jan Markell recording a television program with Dave Reagan and Nathan Jones.

eternity, and you will be held accountable . . . I have to conclude that you are more interested in ecumenical unity and solving AIDS, poverty and other social issues . . . You were given a golden opportunity that 99% of American Christians could never get.

Markell also noted in the open letter that Warren had been one of the Evangelical leaders who had signed the Yale University document in 2008 that apologized to Muslims "for all the evil deeds perpetrated against them by Christians." She characterized his endorsement of that document as "pandering" and making himself "sound like a fool." She concluded her letter by saying, "It seems to me that you are more interested in marching hand-in-hand with other faiths down the winding road to the coming one-world religion."

In January of 2011, Markell published another article about Warren which began with the question: "What on earth is Pastor Rick Warren thinking?" She then outlined the reasons for her question: 49

- Praising Syria for its "religious freedom."
- Sharing church-growth principles with synagogues.
- Being part of the leadership team or board of advisors to questionable organizations such as The World Economic Forum, The Council on Foreign Relations and Tony Blair's Faith Foundation.
- Misquoting Jesus in *The Purpose Driven Life* by saying that He stated, "My return is none of your business," when, in fact, the Bible emphasizes that His return is our "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13).
- Embracing Kingdom Now/Dominion eschatology which says the Church will save the world through Warren's global P.E.A.C.E. Plan when we are on a cursed earth that only Christ's

return can save.

 Underplaying the issues of Hell, sin and repentance in his books.

Criticism

Some Christian spokesmen have responded to Markell by condemning her for criticizing fellow Christian leaders — and in particular for naming them.

But how is the person in the pew supposed to deal with apostasy if they are unaware of those who are spreading it? The Apostle Paul was certainly not reticent about identifying the apostate teachers in his day. He named Hymenaeus and Alexander (1 Timothy 1:20), Phygelus and Hermogenes (2 Timothy 1:15), Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Timothy 2:17) and Alexander the metalworker (2 Timothy 4:14). Paul even criticized Peter publicly for being hypocritical by living as a Gentile while insisting that Gentiles live as Jews (Galatians 2:11-14).

The critics always respond by quoting Matthew 7:1 which says, "Do not judge so that you will not be judged." This passage must be referring to the judgment of motives, not words and actions. The fact of the matter is that Christians have an obligation to judge words and actions because the Bible commands us to test everything by the Word (Galatians 1:8-9 and 1 John 4:1). It is impossible to test something without judging it.

Paul complimented the brethren in Berea for testing his teachings by the Word of God (Acts 17:10-11). Likewise, Jesus commended the Church in Ephesus for testing self-proclaimed "apostles" whom He called liars (Revelation 2:2).

Mike Oppenheimer, a Messianic Jew who has an apologetics ministry called "Let Us Reason," has addressed this issue in detail. He has written, "To watch our spiritual family being misled is negligence and is absence of true compassion." True love" he adds, "is not silent when people are being misled, hurt or abused." He concludes: 51

It is right to expose error and to name those who are teaching error. Faithful mes-

sengers will warn the sheep of heresy, and when needed, identify them by name.

The Relationship to Our Nation

So, how does apostasy in the Church relate to the disintegration of our nation? Because the Church is supposed to stand for righteousness, condemn evil, call for repentance and preach the Gospel. Our society is falling apart because the Church has stopped doing these things. In its desire to be accepted by the world, the Church has gotten in bed with the world, embracing the world's demand for tolerance of all kinds of evils.

Addressing this fact, Markell has written:52

God raised this . . . nation up for several reasons. We have been a Gospel light to the world . . . We have been Israel's "off-and-on" ally. Our Christian heritage has made us a compassionate nation. But I see a nation pulling away from the one true God and giving a voice to those who hate God or who have a skewed view of Him.

As evidence of what she calls "the great falling away," Markell printed a list in January of 2008 of events in 2007 that evidenced an abandonment of the Judeo-Christian consensus this nation was founded on:⁵³

- The Congressional Gold Medal was granted to the Dalai Lama.
- A Hindu opened the U.S. Senate with a prayer.
- A Muslim delivered a prayer in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- A nationwide emphasis was placed on interfaith gatherings.
- Atheists became increasingly aggressive in their attack on God and Christianity.
- President Bush stated that "all religions pray to the same God."
- The lead story in US News & World Report at the end of 2007 was about Protestants returning to Catholicism.

Christian apostates are not the only ones Markell blames for America's demise. Like the other prophetic voices God has raised up, she points to the proponents of Humanism, calling them "Masters of Deceit." ⁵⁴

The Future

Despite all her passionate concerns about the Church and American society, Markell does not despair.

One of the fundamental themes that runs through all her articles is: "Things Aren't Falling Apart — They Are Falling In Place!" This observation is based on the many Bible prophecies that state that the end times will be characterized by apostasy in the Church and immorality, violence and chaos in society (2 Thessalonians 2:3 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5). Jesus Himself said that when He returns, society will be as evil as it was in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37).

With regard to "things falling into place," Markell has

declared:56

Humpty Dumpty is having a great fall, but secular mankind cannot figure out how to put him back together. They think new elections, new laws, new treaties and new regulations will fix everything! They are clueless that the secular path always leads to folly . . .

We have passed the tipping point. Let's hang on a little longer and be salt and light and try to delay the decay. There are still some faithful shepherds in some of our pulpits . . . Nothing is falling apart. Everything is falling in place. More distress is coming, and it will be heart-stopping and breathtaking. Judgment is upon us.

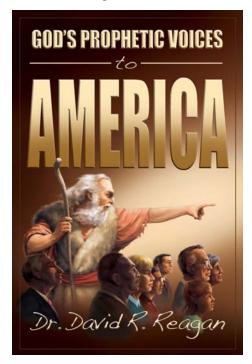
But Markell rarely ever ends one of her articles on a negative note. She usually concludes by emphasizing that although the world is facing unprecedented turmoil, Christians have a glorious hope based on the promises of God. A typical ending for her is this one:⁵⁷

While we may be on the brink of global chaos, the true believer can take comfort in the fact that we are also on the brink of Jesus' glorious return.

The reference notes for this article can be found with the copy of the article that has been posted on our website at lamblion.com.

Prophetic Voices

This article is excerpted from Dr. Reagan's newest book, *God's Prophetic Voices to America*. Jan Markell is one of 13 voices that are featured in the book — four from the past and nine current ones. To order, call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday between 8am and 5pm Central time. ❖



Signs of the Times

"The Great Sign" Is it for real?

Nathan E. Jones

Few people know that long before I graduated from Bible College and eventually ordained as a minister, I dreamt of becoming an astronaut. Fueled by the limitless imaginations from popular science fiction, many a late night I'd stare up at the twinkling stars and dream big dreams that one day I would finally reach one of those distant lights.

Looking up at the stars has gotten a lot easier due to the newest Astronomy software called Stellarium. This amazing program actually



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calculates and then maps out the locations in the sky of all the stars past, present, and future over thousands of years.

As amazing as this software is to amateur astronomers, some Bible teachers believe Stellarium's projections can be utilized in the study of Eschatology, unlocking the unsolved mysteries of Bible prophecy, especially those concerning the end times signs in the sky.

For example, researcher Frederick Larson utilized this fantastic tool in building his interpretation of the identity of the Star of Bethlehem. Others, such as Pastors John Hagee and Mark Biltz, utilized Stellarium's projections in their Blood Moon research.

And today, new researchers including Scott Clarke of ERF Ministries, Kade Hawkins of Prophecy News Watch, and geologist Phil Moser have pushed Stellarium's insights into a whole new direction, believing they have found yet another remarkable discovery. They call it "The Great Sign of Revelation 12."

Google "The Great Sign" and you'll encounter one of the hottest trending topics of 2017. Search results report this sign as "one of the most monumental signs in the history of Christianity" and "the biggest debate in prophecy." Bold claims! And what's so great about this Great Sign? Supposedly, a unique alignment of stars will tell the story of Jesus Christ's return to rapture up His Church.

The Gospel in the Stars

The Magi of Matthew 2, who studied the alignment of the stars and constellations, gaped up at the "star in the East" and concluded correctly that the prophesied birth of the Messiah had finally arrived.

Likewise, the amateur astronomers of today also stare up at the constellations and believe they have discovered the story of the Messiah's return being played out like a Gospel in the stars. They are so excited by Stellarium's findings that they claim humanity teeters on the cusp of God, and they are rolling out some of the most astounding prophetic events in all of human history.

Speculations run wild that maybe the Great Sign pinpoints when the Church gets raptured away, or the Tribulation begins, or maybe the War of Gog-Magog wages, or even Damascus explodes, or a combination thereof. All theories lie on the table, though the most prominently held view theorizes the event will be the soon Rapture of the Church.

When looking up at the sky, what do these modern day magi think they are witnessing? They see Revelation 12:1-6 being played out, which reads:

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth... And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there 1,260 days.

Those who study Bible prophecy know that Revelation 12 stands out as a crucial prophetic chapter because it portrays a major theme of the Bible — the spiritual war between God and Satan. The traditional interpretation of Revelation 12's symbols can be derived from other passages.

The imagery is taken directly from Joseph's dream in Genesis 37. The woman is Israel, who birthed the male Child—the Messiah. The Dragon — Satan — tried to "devour" Jesus using Herod's slaughter of the babies of Bethlehem. But, the male Child ascended to God's throne where He waits to return to earth and "rule the nations with a rod of iron" during His Millennial Kingdom.

Adherents of the Great Sign share that traditional interpretation of the symbols up to a point, but for the Child. They swap Jesus with the Church. It is the Church, and not Christ, who will be caught up to God and His throne. And there's a date — September 23, 2017.

It is the very day when the constellation Virgo (a virgin woman clothed with the sun) will have at her feet the moon. The nine stars of the constellation Leo plus the three planets Mercury, Venus, and Mars will align atop her head (on her head a garland of twelve stars). The "king" planet Jupiter (the Child) will end its nine months circling within Virgo and finally exit east past her feet (she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth) and be carried away (i.e. raptured).

The Paradox

Reading through the copious online writings of Great Sign adherents, including Phil Moser's book, *The Revelation 12 Sign*, one cannot help but be struck by their passion for biblical authenticity and desire for the salvation of the lost. I did not encounter one researcher of the Great Sign whose heart was not earnestly seeking the truth.



But, they all struggled with a biblical paradox: the Bible's forbidding of astrology (Leviticus 19:26-28,31; 20:6; and Isaiah 47:13) versus Jesus commanding Christians to be watchful of the signs in the heavens that herald His Second Coming (Matthew 24:29-31,44).

To unravel this paradox, adherents decry the astrology accusation and defend the Great Sign as purely astronomy. Supporters point out how God uses astronomy in the Bible to convey important messages. God commanded on Day 4 of the Creation, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years" (Genesis 1:14). Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, King David proclaimed, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge" (Psalms 19:1-5).

Not just the sun, moon and stars, but God paraded the constellations to Job (Job 38:31-33). Job learned of Orion, Pleiades and Arcturus, which are all names of clusters of stars found in the Zodiac. God asks Job if he can bring out the Mazzaroth in its season, which is the Hebrew word for the constellations of the Zodiac. Therefore, it is argued that the stars must have functioned as a tool for the faithful of the Antediluvian age, along with oral tradition, in communicating God's fundamental truths long before Moses ever wrote the Pentateuch. In other words, God wrote His Gospel in the stars of the Zodiac.

Satan is accused of having corrupted God's Zodiac with cultic astrology and its practice of divination, which the faithful are prohibited from engaging. With astrology properly denounced, the Great Sign is defended as the return to what God originally intended when Christ pointed Christians to the sky to be watchful for a heavenly sign. Paradox resolved, supposedly.

The Problems

Three primary problems immediately come to mind with the Great Sign functioning as a true indicator for pinpointing the Rapture of the Church happening on September 23, 2017.

First, adherents correctly interpret the Woman as Israel and the Dragon as Satan, but ignore the plain sense interpretation of the Revelation 12 Child being Jesus Christ, and instead misidentify the Child as the Church. Many defenses have been given as to why the Child is believed to be the Church, but the interpretation struggles mightily to switch the two. The historical understanding of the Child being Jesus Christ resounds as the plain sense meaning, while the Church strains logic.

Second, Revelation 12 marks the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation, when God supernaturally begins protecting Israel in the wilderness from the Antichrist's wrath for the remaining 1,260 days. Revelation 12 cannot then be a sign marking the date of the Pre-Trib Rapture.

And third, despite their call for doctrinal soundness, the Great Sign adherents' various writings are steeped in sensationalist extra-biblical prophetic jargon such as Bible codes, Rapture dreams, blood moons, numerology, NASA conspiracies, and astronomical alignments with the Great Pyramid of Giza. The list scrolls mind-numbingly on! Whatever reputability the Great Sign may have is buried in the Outer Limits, and not the Bible.

The Concession

I must concede one thing — the timing of the Great Sign is intriguing. The year 2017 intersects with some very curious anniversaries: 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, 70 years since the UN resolution allowing Israel statehood, and 50 years since Israel recaptured Jerusalem. Plus, the Feast of Trumpets — the Jewish New Year's celebration of Rosh Hashanah that many believe points to the Rapture — falls on September 21-22, 2017. The range of days preserves Jesus' proclamation that nobody can know the specific day or hour of His return (Matthew 24:36,44).

What also makes this gathering of constellations and planets so unusual is that, according to Stellarium, such an arrangement has never fully taken place, or will so ever again. The alignment stands out as unique. And, to add to this most unusual astronomical event, 33 days beforehand on August 21st, a super-rare 2-3 hour long solar eclipse will darken the world.

That the Great Sign actually converges with so many of these important anniversaries, prophetic events, and signs of the end times piques my interest, though not my support. Regardless of the latest date-setting theory for the day of the Rapture, the authenticity of the Great Sign of Revelation 12 will be revealed as either true or false on September 24th. Who wouldn't hope that on that day we will be celebrating the Bride reunited with Christ? But, I'm not putting any stock in an alignment of stars to reveal that day. ••

Note by Dr. Reagan: I agree with Nathan that interpreting the child of Revelation 12 to be the Church instead of Jesus mangles the imagery and is obviously a very strained attempt to make the passage fit a pre-conceived idea. Israel did not give birth to the Church, Jesus did.

Marriage Insanity

Dr. David R. Reagan

When our Supreme Court made its insane and unbiblical decision on June 26, 2015, to legalize the abomination of same-sex marriage, it opened a Pandora's box.

For one thing, the decision clearly signaled that no state could any longer enforce laws against polygamy. After all, if a man can legally marry a man, how can it be argued that he cannot marry several women? When the Court thumbed its nose at God's Word and tossed out God's definition of marriage, it opened up unlimited possibilities for a great variety of fake "marriages."

If same-sex marriage is legal, then why not an incestuous marriage between a brother and sister? Or an oedipal marriage between a son and mother? And what about those involved in bestiality? Are they to be prevented from marrying their pet? And is this really any more bizarre than marrying a person of the same sex?

The Latest Marriage Perversion

Or, consider the current fad of marrying yourself. Yes, that's what I said — believe it or not, there are people who are now marrying themselves! It's called sologomy. There are even several websites devoted to it, one of which is www. imarriedme.com. At this site you can order a wedding kit for a solo marriage. It includes invitations, a wedding band and the complete outline for a wedding ceremony, including the vows. The kit costs \$50 if you want a sterling silver ring, and \$230 if you desire a 14-karat gold ring.

A 37 year old woman in Brooklyn, New York named Erika Anderson conducted her self-marriage ceremony in the spring of 2016. She told CBS News that "she grew frustrated with being asked why she hadn't settled down with anyone and decided to take matters into her own hands." So, she put on a wedding gown and walked herself down the aisle among family and friends and recited a vow to commit herself to herself. Later,

Erika said, "For so many years, people had been telling me I was a great catch, so I caught myself."

It's what could be called the ultimate act of narcissism.

Other Perversions

And to illustrate where all this insanity is going, consider the man in the South American country of Colombia who recently married two of his best buddies. It's called polyamory.

People suffering from a mental disorder called Objectum-Sexuality fall in love with inanimate objects and desire to marry them. Thus, a woman in San Francisco who fell in love with the Eiffel Tower decided to marry it and changed her name to Erika La Tour Eiffel. Likewise, a German woman fell in love with the Berlin Wall, and on her sixth visit to the wall in 1979 she married "him" in front of a handful of guests. When the wall was torn down in 1989, she was horrified.

A Japanese man recently married Nene Anegasaki, a digital character in the Nintendo video game called "Love Plus." He actually had a real ceremony on the island of Guam, where apparently it is legal to marry not only inanimate objects but also imaginary ones. He even ended the ceremony by calling up her image on a computer tablet and giving her a kiss.

France is now allowing posthumous marriages to partners who die before a planned wedding ceremony. A woman in India was married to a cobra in 2006, with over 2,000 people attending the elaborate ceremony. And in 2010 a man in Australia was married to his five year old golden retriever named Honey.

Here in the States, the Associated Press recently noted that "more states are allowing three parents of one child." An example would be when a lesbian couple has a child with the help of a man who impregnates one of them — in which case all three become parents.

The Deinstitutionalization of Marriage

Meanwhile, marriage is on the decline. Whereas throughout history, it was considered to be a very special, sacred institution, it is now viewed by many in our nation as nothing more than a convenience for lowering taxes. A Pew Research Center study in 2011 revealed that whereas in 1960 72 percent of adults in America 18 years of age or older were married, today just 51 percent are wed.

The immorality of cohabitation has become our national norm. Before 1970, living together outside of marriage was uncommon, but by the late 1990s at least 50 to 60 percent of couples were living together before marriage. More than two-thirds of married couples in the US now say that they lived together before getting married.

As of 2012, 41 percent of all births in the US were to unmarried women. In three states (Mississippi – 55%, Louisiana – 53%, and New Mexico – 52%) births outside marriage were in the majority. The lowest percentage of births

outside marriage was in Utah, at 19 percent. During the period 2006 - 2010, 58 percent of births outside of marriage were to cohabitating parents.

The paganization of our society is destroying one of the cornerstones of civilization — the institution of marriage.

In Romans chapter 1, the Apostle Paul stated that when a society rebels against God and refuses to repent, God will deliver the society over to a depraved mind (verse 28). That is where we are today. •



Deciphezing an Enigma

The Left & Islam Why Do They Love Each Other?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Someone recently sent me a thought provoking editorial cartoon I can't reproduce because it contains some vile language. So, I will just describe it and clean up the language.

The cartoon depicted in four panels a conversation between two young people in their twenties — a man and a woman. The woman was wearing the Obama campaign symbol. In the first panel, the man says, "I don't believe that women should have any rights, and I think gays should be hanged." The young woman responds, "Wow! What a complete primitive idiot you are! You must be a Republican!" "No," responds the man, "I'm actually a Muslim, and those are my religious beliefs." To which the woman replies, "Oh, I'm sorry! I apologize! I hope you don't think I'm Islamophobic."

A few days later, I received a similar cartoon that showed a Muslim man holding a sign that read: "Islam demands: Death for Homosexuals! No free speech! Women stay home and submit to their husbands! Death to infidels!"Standing next to him was a young woman of college age holding a sign with an arrow pointing to the Muslim. Above the arrow were these words: "I'm a liberal and he doesn't really mean that."



(bruceonpolitics.com)

Values in Sharp Conflict

As these editorial cartoons so vividly illustrate, the love affair between the Left and Islam is mind-boggling because it is irrational. The Left claims to believe in freedom of thought, freedom of speech, sexual liberation and democracy.

All of these values are the exact opposite of those that are held dear by Islam. There is not a Muslim dominated nation in the world today where there is a true democracy, free speech, a free press and equal rights for women.

And the history of Islam makes it clear that the moment Muslims become the majority in any society, they take action immediately to suppress freedom and repress all other religions.

Further, the Left also scorns religion and exalts Man rather



(www.facebook/thoughtcrimeresistance)

than God whereas Muslims believe in a god and hold their religion in high esteem.

So, what explains the odd couple represented by the unity of the Left with Islam?

The Unifying Force

There can be only one explanation — they are unified by their common hatred of Christianity. The Left considers Christians to be outmoded relics of the past who stand in the way of their pet "progressive" programs like abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, the right to suicide and Socialism. Further, Christianity is viewed as pie-in-the-sky nonsense that encourages people to rely on wishful thinking instead of reason.

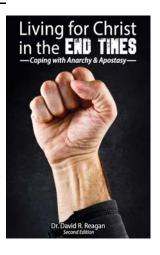
Of course, the same could be said of Islam, but Muslims are a distinct minority in America, and so, the Left focuses its hatred on Christians. Islam shares the Left's hatred of Christianity. According to the Quran, Christians are infidels who should either be forced to convert or else be subjugated or executed. So, the Left rallies Muslims to its side in its effort to defeat all politicians with Judeo-Christian values. This means the Left united with Islam is a perfect example of the old saying, "Politics makes strange bed partners."

The union of the Left with Islam is a marriage crafted by Satan. ❖

A Helpful Book

Are you having difficulty dealing with the increasing immorality and violence in our society and around the world?

If so, Dr. Reagan's book, *Living for Christ in the End Times*, should prove helpful to you. The first edition was issued in the year 2000. This is the second edition that came out in 2015. It presents ten biblical guidelines for coping with the increasing anarchy and apostasy.



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The Battle for Israel

"Our God Will Fight for Us"

Tim Moore

Then I said to you, "Do not be shocked, nor fear them. The LORD your God will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes." (Deuteronomy 1:29b-30).

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In the last two editions of the *Lamplighter*, I recounted the major wars that Israel fought against amassed Arab armies in 1967 and 1973. Those conflicts involved large, conventional battles with aircraft, tanks and infantry.



Tim Moore

While those wars were notable for their drama and brevity, the modern nation of Israel has endured near constant threats to its existence since before its very founding. God's unfailing protection and deliverance of the Jewish people through the succession of battles and anti-Semitic persecution they have endured bears witness to His great love of them and His faithfulness to them.

Israel's re-emergence as a modern, independent nation on May 14th, 1948, ranks as the single greatest fulfillment of Bible prophecy in these end times. Yet, the dramatic and miraculous re-establishment of modern Israel is merely the most recent chapter of an ancient narrative.

From the very moment the Lord called Abram and promised to set apart and bless the great nation his offspring would become, Satan determined to target them with a vengeance. The wars and terrorist attacks and global animosity that have besieged Israel since its establishment as an independent nation are manifestations of Satan's hate-filled efforts to negate the plans, the purposes and the promises of God.

Relentless Battles

We can find evidence of that ageless animosity towards God's people throughout Scripture. The Pharaoh at the time of the Exodus became consumed with destroying the Hebrews. During their wilderness wanderings, Balaam's attempt to curse them at the bidding of a pagan king was emblematic of the effort to destroy the Children of Israel. Filled with hate, Haman attempted to eliminate the Jews. Nebuchadnezzar tried to eradicate them by exiling many to Babylon and interspersing pagans



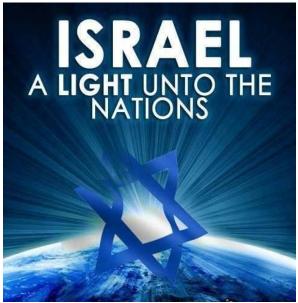
An Israeli soldier prays on the front lines.

within the land of Israel. And, repeated onslaughts by neighboring kingdoms were a threat throughout the Old Testament.

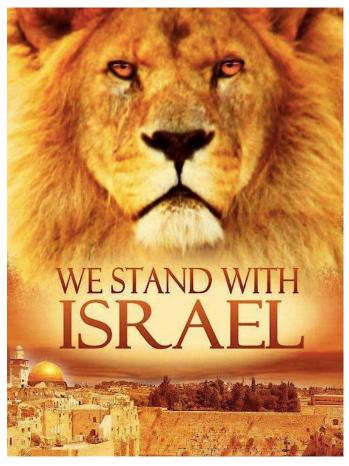
Rome forcibly dispersed the rebellious Jews throughout the known world in the First Century. Yet, the Jews persisted as an identifiable people group. Over the past 20 centuries, in spite of repeated pogroms by dictators, senseless persecution by Kings, the unimaginable Holocaust by the Nazis, Satanic hatred by Islamists and even unbiblical anti-Semitism from the Christian Church itself, the Jews have persevered.

Miraculous Preservation

Their ability to withstand the centuries-long effort to blot them out is a resounding proof of God's providential hand. He has indeed preserved them. It is said that Frederick the Great once challenged his personal physician to prove the existence of God. The man's succinct answer was, "Your majesty, the Jews!" (This same proof of God's existence is also ascribed to Benjamin Disraeli, the nineteenth-century British Prime Minister. Although baptized into the Anglican Church, he was proud to claim his own Jewish heritage.)



"I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations." (Isaiah 42:6)



As Jewish dry bones began to reassemble in Israel and take on flesh, God's prophetic promise was proven true. So, in the same manner that Satan incited Herod to murder the male babies of Bethlehem in an effort to eliminate the Messiah, he attempted to massacre the infant state of Israel in 1948 through a host of Arab armies. American five-star general and Secretary of State George C. Marshall advised President Harry Truman that the Jewish state would certainly be annihilated by the Arabs. But against all mortal odds, the nascent Jewish state survived.

In addition to the major wars in 1967 and 1973, Israel has endured continual terror attacks and threats of annihilation ever since 1948. Today, it faces the possibility of imminent missile attacks from all directions. Even naive Westerners now demonstrate their hostility toward Israel through the "boycott, divest and sanction" movement.

The Biblical Perspective

As 21st Century Christians, we must maintain a Biblical perspective as we witness the increasing fervor of Satan to undermine the plans, purposes and promises of God and his efforts to destroy those whom God calls His Chosen People. Whether by destroying the Jews or extinguishing the hope of Christians, Satan aspires to prove God a liar by preventing Him from fulfilling His promises. And Bible prophecy makes it clear that the Satanic attacks will increase in frequency and intensity as the culmination of human history draws near, for Satan will realize that his time is short (Revelation 12:12).

Recounting the history of Israel and the manifold battles it has waged, we can see the hand of God at work, sustaining and preserving. He has not preserved the Jewish people because of their faithfulness, but simply for God's own Name's sake and glory. Moses declared the same principle at work when the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan to possess the land in the first place (Deuteronomy 9:4-6). God's faithfulness to faithless Israel is a testimony to His great grace and His mercy. He has sustained Israel through every trial and threat of extermination, and will continue to do so.

The "battle for Israel" is a continuing and tangible demonstration of the faithfulness of God. He promised that "He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:4), and He has been faithful to that promise. He has protected and preserved His Chosen People to fulfill His promise — just as He has, does, and will protect and preserve those of us who have been grafted into Christ Jesus.

A New Type of Israel Pilgrimage

Beginning in 2018, Lamb & Lion Ministries will offer an exciting new pilgrimage opportunity. We will spend 10 days on a "Battle for Israel" trip to the Holy Land. This new pilgrimage will explore sites throughout Israel that have witnessed great historic battles from the Old Testament, the New Testament age and the modern era. We will highlight the spiritual dimensions of the battles that have wracked Israel throughout its history, the prophetic significance of the threats that are rising even today and the future battles Bible prophecy tells us to anticipate.

This pilgrimage will depart DFW airport on May 19th and return to the US on May 30th. Additional details are available on the Lamb & Lion website (www.christinprophecy.org/events/israel-tours).

If you have already been on a Lamb & Lion pilgrimage, you know that we offer a spiritual journey to the Promised Land that brings Scripture to life. As several pilgrims have exclaimed, our pilgrimage converts the black-and-white text of Scripture into full Technicolor. This new "Battle for Israel" pilgrimage will also highlight the providence of God and focus on His fulfillment of ancient promises and prophecies.

The Battle for Israel is ongoing, but we already know the outcome. Come and witness the manifest glory of God as He has raised up the dry bones of Israel into a modern, thriving nation. Stand in awe of His providential deliverance and exalt His faithfulness. Be assured that the glorious King of kings will soon claim the final victory in the Battle for Israel.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war... From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:11-16) &

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God's Hand in History

The Miracle of Dunkirk

(Editor's note: This article was written by a British clergyman who died in 2002. It was extracted from a trilogy of books titled The Trumpet Sounds for Britain, which chronicle the development and growth of Christianity in Britain from the earliest times. While serving in the Royal Navy during WWII, an emergency in a submarine caused the author to recognize that God still performs miracles. This personal realization later helped him to understand what God had done for the people of Britain as a whole, many times in their history. British spelling has been left intact throughout the article.)

David E. Gardner

In what is still called "the Miracle of Dunkirk" the story is told of how over 300,000 British troops were snatched from the beaches of France in an operation that was so fraught with dangers that success can only be attributed to a miraculous combination of circum-

unkirk on May 1, 1940 was a time of grave crisis for the British Empire and for the whole civilised world.

On the 10th of May Hitler had launched his blitzkrieg attack against the Low Countries and France. By the end of the second week in May the French defences had been broken. German panzer forces, led by Rommel and his 7th Panzer Division, burst through, and with lightning speed began a rapid advance across France and Belgium. Very soon movement was threatening the British army with encir-

Rommel's armoured pincer The Withdrawal from Dunkirk, June 1940, by Charles Ernest Cundall (1890-1971).

Back at home, Mr. Churchill feared that it would be his hard lot to announce the greatest military disaster in our long history, whilst on May 27th the German High Command went so far as to boast that "The British army is encircled and our troops are proceeding to its annihilation."

clement, and our forces were being obliged to withdraw.

With the entire front collapsing rapidly, the decision was reached at home to evacuate our forces from the Continent. But the only port from which to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force was Dunkirk, and it was already being seriously threatened by the Germans.

Taking stock of the predicament, Churchill later wrote, "I thought — and some good judges agreed with me — that perhaps 20,000 or 30,000 men might be re-embarked. The whole root and core and brain of the British army . . . seemed about to



King George VI making a national radio broadcast.

perish upon the field, or to be led into ignominious and starving captivity." All therefore seemed about to be lost.

A Godly Sovereign

But Britain had a godly Sovereign. Seeing this situation developing, His Majesty King George VI requested that Sunday, May 26th should be observed as a National Day of Prayer.

In a stirring broadcast, he called the people of Britain and of the Empire to commit their cause to God. Together with members of the Cabinet, the King attended Westminster Abbey,

whilst millions of his subjects in all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire flocked to the churches to join in prayer. Britain was given inspiring leadership in those days, and her people responded immediately when this kind of initiative was taken. The whole nation was at prayer on that Sunday. The scene outside Westminster Abbey was remarkable — photographs show long queues of people who could not even get in, the Abbey was so crowded! So much so, that the following morning the Daily Sketch exclaimed, "Nothing like it has ever happened be-



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fore."

In its hour of deep distress a heart-cry from both monarch and people alike was going up to God in prayer. And that cry did not go unanswered. For very soon, at least three miracles were seen to happen.

The First Miracle

The first was that for some reason — which has never yet been fully explained — Hitler overruled his generals and halted the advance of his armoured columns at the very point when they could have proceeded to the British army's annihilation. They were now only ten miles away!

Later, Mr Churchill asserted in his memoirs that this was because Hitler undoubtedly believed "that his air superiority would be sufficient to prevent a large-scale evacuation by sea." That is very significant in terms of the second miracle.

The Second Miracle

A storm of unprecedented fury broke over Flanders on Tuesday, May 28th, grounding the German Luftwaffe squadrons and enabling the British army formations, now eight to twelve miles from Dunkirk, to move up on foot to the coast in the darkness of the storm and the violence of the rain, with scarcely any interruption from aircraft, which were unable to operate in such turbulent conditions.

The Fuehrer had obviously not taken the weather into his reckon-

ing, nor the One who controls the weather! And the third miracle?

The Third Miracle

Despite the storm in Flanders, a great calm — such as has rarely been experienced — settled over the English Channel during the days which followed, and its waters became as still as a mill pond.

It was this quite extraordinary calm which enabled a vast armada of little ships, big ships, warships, privately owned motor-cruisers from British rivers and estuaries — in fact, almost anything that would float — to ply back and forth in a desperate bid to rescue as many of our men as possible.

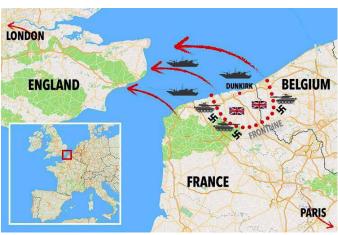
The Little Ships

There were so many ships involved in the evacuation that this is the way in which Douglas Bader, the Spitfire fighter ace, who sped over with his squadrons from the fighter base at Martlesham, near Ipswich, to help cover the operation, described the scene in his book, *Fight for the Sky*:

The sea from Dunkirk to Dover during these days of the evacuation looked like any coastal road in England on a bank holiday. It was solid with shipping. One felt one could walk across without getting one's feet wet, or that's what it looked like from the air.

There were naval escort vessels, sailing dinghies, rowing boats, paddle- steamers, indeed every floating device known in this country. They were all taking British soldiers from Dunkirk back home. You could identify Dunkirk from the Thames estuary by the huge pall of black smoke rising straight up into a windless sky from the oil tanks which were ablaze just inside the harbour.

Yet still, to a very large extent, the German air squadrons were unable to intervene. Certainly not in force, nor in the way Hitler had anticipated, for so many of these squadrons still remained grounded. So much so that General Haider, Chief of the German General Staff, three days after the High Command had so proudly boasted that the British Army was about to be annihilated, was obliged to record in his diary on May 30th that "Bad weather has grounded the Luftwaffe, and now we must stand by and watch countless thousands of the enemy getting



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away to England right under our noses."

A Strange Immunity

Even though some squadrons did get through, it seems that yet another miracle happened.

Many of the troops on the beaches were favoured with a strange immunity. When about 400 men were being machine-gunned and bombed systematically by about sixty enemy aircraft, one man who flung himself down with the rest reported that, after the strafing was over, he was amazed to find that

there was not a single casualty.

Another man, a chaplain, was likewise machine-gunned and bombed as he lay on the beach. After what seemed an eternity, he realized he had not been hit, and rose to his feet to find that the sand all around where he had been lying was pitted with bullet holes, and that his figure was outlined on the ground.

Amazing Events

Truly, amazing things were happening. There were signs on every hand that an intervening Power was at work. Officers and men alike had seen the hand of God, powerful to save, delivering them from the hands of a mighty foe who, humanly speaking, had them at its mercy.

And they were not slow to say so. Even Fleet Street has placed it on record that two miracles had made possible what had seemed impossible.



The Daily Mirror, June 5, 1940.

A Day of National Thanksgiving

So grateful was the nation for this mighty deliverance that Sunday, June 9, 1940 was appointed as a Day of National Thanksgiving. On the eve of that day, C. B. Mortlock stated in an article in *The Daily Telegraph* that "the prayers of the nation were answered," and that "the God of Hosts Himself had supported the valiant men of the British Expeditionary Force."

"Two great wonders stand forth," he said. "On them have turned the fortune of our troops. I have talked to officers and men who have got safely back to England, and all of them tell of these two phenomena:"

The first was the great storm which broke over Flanders on Tuesday, 28 May. The second was the great calm which settled on the English Channel during the days following.

Officers of high rank do not hesitate to put down the deliverance of the British Expeditionary Force to the fact of the nation being at prayer on Sunday, 26 May, two days before that great storm in Flanders and the calm that came over the Channel.

The word, "miracle," was soon being heard on all sides, and a consciousness of a miraculous deliverance pervaded the camps in which the troops were being housed back in England.

Mr Churchill, when he chose June 4th as the occasion for making a statement to the House of Commons, spoke with a voice charged with emotion. He reported that, rather than 20,000 or 30,000 men being re-embarked, "335,000 men had been carried out of the jaws of death and shame to their native land." He referred to what had happened as "a miracle of deliverance."

Psalm124 Sung in the Churches



When the services of national thanksgiving were held in all churches on the following Sunday, June 9th, it was with great feeling that many a choir and congregation sang the words of Psalm 124, for they were seen to apply to that situation through which the nation had just passed:

If the LORD Himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the LORD Himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us; they would have swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us. Yea, the waters had drowned us: and the stream had gone over our soul. The deep waters of the proud would have gone over our soul. But praised be the Lord: Who has not given us over for a prey unto their teeth. Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are delivered. Our help standeth in the name of the LORD: who hath made heaven and earth.

No other passage of Scripture could have more aptly described the nation's experience on that day. The words seem to have been especially written for the occasion. ◆

An Afterthought about Dunkirk

Dr. David R. Reagan

I was disappointed in the recent British film about Dunkirk that was released last July. Because it focused on one soldier, one pilot and one British citizen who supplied his personal boat, the movie failed to present the overall picture and the vast scope of the miraculous rescue process.

On the first day of the evacuation, only 7,669 men were evacuated, but by the end of the eighth day, a total of 338,226 soldiers had been rescued by a hastily assembled fleet of over 800 boats, many of which were small boats provided by British citizens.

I decided to publish the previous remarkable article because it so clearly demonstrates how God works in history to accomplish His will. In the midst of great crises like Dunkirk, leaders often inexplicably change their minds, as did Hitler. There are many examples of this in the Bible. And the reason this happens, of course, is due to what is described in Proverbs 21:1 — "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."

Another common way in which the Lord works is through the weather, as He did on one occasion when Israel was about to fight the Canaanites in the Valley of Armageddon (Judges 4 & 5). The Canaanites had chariots, the Israelites had none. The Israelites faced certain defeat. But God sent a sudden torrential rain storm, and all the Canaanite chariots bogged down in the mud.

Interventions like this can be found throughout the Bible and in the history of our nation's War of Independence as well as in every war that Israel has fought in modern times.

The point is that God has the wisdom and the power to orchestrate all the evil of Mankind to His will and purposes, as illustrated below in a picture by Pat Marvenko Smith. ❖



Guest Editorial

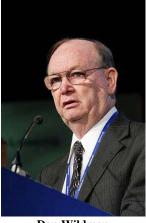
What Christians Do Now

Don Wildmon

(Editor's note: This article by Don Wildmon, the founder of the

American Family Association, was first published in that ministry's magazine, *The AFA Journal*, in July of 2003. It is a blunt and powerful explanation of why Christians lost the culture war.)

In 1973 the Supreme Court said it was okay to kill unborn babies. Since then, we have killed more than the entire population of Canada. And it continues. A woman's choice? Half of those who have died in their mothers' wombs have been women. They didn't have a choice. It is called abortion.



Don Wildmon

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

First it was in dingy, dirty theaters. Then, convenience stores. Then, grocery stores. Then on television. Now it is in the homes of millions via the Internet. It is called pornography.

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They called it no-fault. Why should we blame anyone when something so tragic happens? Haven't they already suffered enough? Half of the marriages in America end this way. The children suffer. The family breaks down. It is called divorce.

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At one time it was a perversion. We kept it secret. We secured help and hope for those who practiced it. Now it is praised. We have parades celebrating it, and elected officials give it their blessing. Now it is endowed with special privileges and protected by special laws. Even some Christian leaders and denominations praise it. It is called homosexuality.

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It used to be an embarrassment. A shame. Now a third of all births are to mothers who aren't married. Two-thirds of all African-American children are born into a home without a father. The state usually pays the tab. That is why we pay our taxes, so that government can take the place of parents. After all, government bureaucrats know much better how to raise children than parents do. It is called illegitimacy.

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At one time it was wrong. But then the state decided to legalize it, promote it and tax it. It has ripped apart families and destroyed lives. But just look at all the money the state has raised. No longer do we have to teach our children to study and work hard. Now we teach them they can get something for nothing. We spend millions encouraging people to join the fun and excitement. Just look at the big sums that people are winning. They will never have to work again! It is called gambling.

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Not long ago, Christians were the good guys. But now any positive image of Christians in movies or on TV is gone. We are now depicted as the bad guys — greedy, narrow-minded hypocrites. The teacher can't have a Bible on her desk, but can have Playboy. We don't have Christmas and Easter holidays — just winter and spring break. We can't pray in school, but can use foul language. It's called being tolerant.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

Yes, all these things came to pass within 30 years. Where were the Christians? Why, they were in church. All these things were for someone else to deal with. Times have changed. Involvement has been replaced with apathy.

But don't blame me. I didn't do anything. I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. •

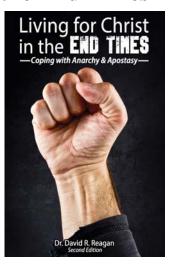
How to Live in the End Times

D^r. Reagan outlines the proper Christian responses to the societal challenges that face us today.

The book was originally published in the year 2000. This is the 2015 second edition.

He explains ten biblical attitudes and their behavior patterns that will help you cope with and overcome the increasing anarchy and apostasy that characterizes these end times.

327 pages. \$20 including the cost of shipping. ♣









FRIDAY - SATURDAY 10.13 - 10.14.2017

The Conference is a free event but registration is required. Hurry! Seating is limited.

First Assembly of God 1019 E. Main Street Frankfort, KY 40601

Call 972.736.3567 or register online at www.LambLion.com

Regional Conference

Coming to Frankfort!

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our Prophecy Partners, we are going to hold our first ever regional Bible prophecy conference in Frankfort, Kentucky in mid-October.

The conference will be hosted by the First Assembly of God where Bob Baker serves as the Senior Pastor. It will begin on Friday evening, October 13 at 6:30 with a concert by The Kramers. After a brief break, Dr. Reagan will deliver the keynote address. The conference will continue all day Saturday with four other presentations and a question and answer forum.

The conference theme will be "What on Earth is God Doing?" All the presentations will be related to some aspect of that theme. The conference is free of charge, but registration is required. You can register by calling 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. Or, you can register through our website at www.lamblion.com.





The Kramers are a national and international gospel music family group currently touring and ministering at 200 events per year. Members are D. Scott Kramer (vocals, guitar, keyboards) Rachel West Kramer (vocals) and Maria Kramer Wolfe (daughter – vocals, ukulele, mandolin, piano, guitar). They are recording artists with Electric Station Records label group.

They've been invited to share at the Gaither Fall Festival and the National Quartet Convention. Rachel West Kramer sang at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. with President George W. Bush and First Lady, Laura Bush in attendance. Rachel has sung solos and duets in the modern oratorio, "Saviour" with Larnelle Harris and Steve Green. Rachel and Maria have also provided music on four Holy Land trips to Israel.

This wonderful family will present an inspirational and spiritually enriching concert of Gospel music to kick-off our first regional conference.

The Speakers

Dr. Reagan will be speaking twice, first on Friday evening, and then he will also be the last speaker on Saturday afternoon. His Friday evening topic will be "Alerting the World to Jesus' Imminent Return." The Saturday afternoon topic will be "Delivering America from Judgment to Destruction."

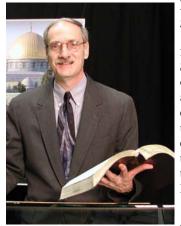


Tim Moore will be speaking Saturday on the topic, "Calling Christians to Commitment." Tim is a part-time evangelist for Lamb & Lion. He speaks at churches and conferences on weekends in behalf of the ministry. Tim is a Colonel in the US Air Force Reserve, he earns his living as a pilot instructor for UPS, and he also serves in the House of Representatives in the Kentucky Legislature.

Nathan Jones is Lamb & Lion's Associate Evangelist and Web Minister. He will be speaking on how God is orchestrating the fall of Islam. Nathan has a heart for reaching young people with the message of the Lord's soon return. He is currently in the process of producing a series of



short videos concerning Bible prophecy that are designed to appeal to Millennials.



Dennis Pollock was Dr. Reagan's Associate Evangelist for 11 years before he decided to form his own ministry called Spirit of Grace. It is a ministry of evangelism and healing aimed at Africa. Dennis is an expert on Bible prophecy and uses the preaching of it in his evangelistic outreaches among the nations of Africa. Dennis' topic will be "Allowing Evil to Multiply."

All four of the speakers will participate in a question

and answer forum on Saturday morning.

Registration

The conference is free of charge, but you are required to register. You can do so either by calling the Lamb & Lion office at 972-736-3567 or by accessing the ministry's website at www. lamblion.com. Calls to the ministry should be placed Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. Special room rates have been arranged at The Hampton Inn 502-223-7600 (code LLP).

We hope in the future to conduct two regional conferences each year, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. Our annual conference in the Dallas area will continue to be held in mid-July. Next year, we are planning to hold our Spring conference in the Houston area, and we are looking for a host church there.

Here's hoping you will be able to join us for the Frankfort conference on October 13-14. ❖

Another Very Blessed Annual Bible Conference



Our annual Bible conference which was held in mid-July was once again an overwhelming success.

The banquet on Friday evening was sold out, with 400 people present. It featured a concert by Brian Free and Assurance and a keynote address by Dr. Ed Hindson, the Dean of the Liberty University Seminary. We had over 700 present for the Saturday sessions. In the photo above, Nathan Jones is introducing Robert and Selina Wilson, the couple who sang before each speaker on Saturday.

We needed \$35,000 to break even on the conference, and the two offerings that were taken produced a total of more than \$36,000 — and donations are still coming in! Any surplus funds will be used to help cover the cost of our TV outreach.

At the beginning of the conference, Dr. Reagan recognized Evangelist Jimmy Phillips of Amarillo, Texas who recently completed 70 years of full time ministry! And he is still active as a teacher of Bible prophecy, going strong at age 89. During the many years of his ministry, he spoke at churches in 50 countries around the world. Dr. Reagan honored him by presenting him with a painting of a wolf with a lamb.

Our media team is working hard to get this year's video album of the conference ready for distribution. It should be complete and ready to go by September 1st. Orders are being taken now. The album will contain all six of the conference presentations on three

DVDs. It will sell for \$25, including shipping — and that is a deal!

The presentations on the album will include the following:

- 1) Dr. Ed Hindson: "Living With Hope in the End Times"
- 2) Dr. Tommy Ice: "The Promise of the Rapture"
- 3) Pastor Glenn Meredith: "The Promise of Rewards"
- 4) Evangelist Don Perkins: The Promise of the Millennium"
- 5) Dr. Andy Woods: "The Promises of the Eternal State"

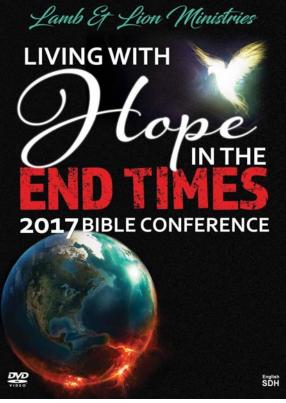
6) Dr. David Reagan: "Is There Any Hope for America?"

Each presentation runs approximately 50 minutes in length.

Our conference for 2018 has been scheduled for July 13-14, so put it on your calendar now and plan to attend! The theme next year will be "Prophetic Voices to America." We have already lined up the group that will present the concert that we always have to launch the conference: *Southern Raised*. This is a fantastic group, and we are excited to have them coming. All the details of the conference will be announced in the January-February 2018 issue of this magazine, and registration will open for the conference on January 1st.

Meanwhile, we are planning our first regional conference in mid-October in Frankfort, KY. You will find the details on the two previous pages. We are looking for a church in the Houston area to host a similar regional conference sometime next Spring. If you are a pastor in the Houston area and would

like to host the conference, give us a call! ❖



Television Update

Continuing to Expand!

We continue to add new television outlets. We have added ten new national networks since the first of this year, the latest being a new one that started in South Africa and is now opening in the US — called FaithUSA.

We have also just added a powerful new regional station that covers the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. It is KDAF-TV, channel 33. We will be following Robert Jeffress' program on Sunday morning. You could not ask for a better lead-in program than that!

We recently shot two TV programs with Jan Markell. They are scheduled to be aired in November. We also shot another program with Pastor Billy Crone which will be broadcast early next year.



Dave with Billy Crone



Nathan and Dave on our TV set with Jan Markell.

We have a lot of exciting new programs planned for the Fall, including a number of teaching programs by Dr. Reagan. We will also be airing edited versions of the presentations that were given at our annual Bible conference in mid-July.

Keep in mind that you can go to our website anytime and watch our TV programs on demand. The same is true at the other Internet networks that are listed on this page. ❖

Television Broadcast Schedules

National Networks:

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

Word — Sun. 5:30am CT, DirecTV 373, Cable, AT&T U-verse,

cable, satellites and web streaming (thewordnetwork.org).

Angel One — Mon. 8:00am CT, DISH 262 (www.angelone.tv).

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

CTVN — Sun. 8pm CT. The network has 44 full-power stations and 57 low-power affiliate stations. Glorystar satellite service and web streaming (www.ctvn.org).

FaithUSA — Thurs. 4:00pm CT, DISH 269 and web streaming (myfaithusa.com). New!

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

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

NRB — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 and web streaming (http://nrbnetwork.tv).

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

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

Walk TV — Sun. 7:30am CT, 265 affiliate stations nationwide. To find a station in your area, go to https://thewalktv.wordpress.com and click on the "Affiliates" tab.

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

Regional Networks:

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

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

KDAF — Sun. 8:00am CT. Broadcast station covering the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. Channel 33. **New! Start-up date is October 1st**.

KSCE — Sun. 10:30am MT, broadcast station in El Paso, TX. DirecTV & DISH Local 38, AT&T U-verse 38, cable and web streaming (kscetv.com).

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

Internet Networks:

Our programs are available on demand on these websites.

HisChannel — hischannel.com

YouTube — youtube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

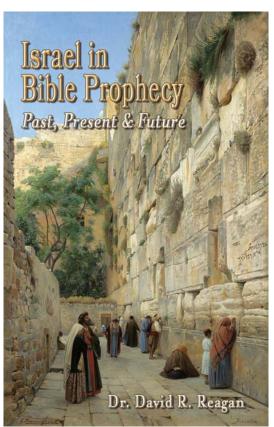
GodTube — godtube.com
Truli — truli.com

Vimeo — vimeo.com

DailyMotion — dailymotion.com/us

Lamb & Lion — lamblion.com

New Prophecy Study Materials



This book is the product of 50 years of study by Dr. Reagan, all of which began in 1967 during the Six Day War. That miraculous war propelled Dr. Reagan into a study of what the Bible has to say about the Jewish people and the nation of Israel in the last days before the return of Jesus.

The first section of the book explores four end-time prophecies that were fulfilled among the Jewish people before the beginning of the 20th Century: their worldwide dispersion, their persecution wherever they went, their miraculous preservation, and the desolation of their land.

The second section takes a look at seven prophecies that were fulfilled in whole or in part during the 20th Century: their regathering from the four corners of the earth, the re-establishment of their state, the reclamation of their land, the revival of their language, the resurgence of their military, the reoccupation of Jerusalem and the refocusing of world politics on their nation.

The third section of the book presents five reasons why Gentile Christians should be concerned about what God is doing among the Jewish people. These include: proof of the existence of God, proof that the Bible is the Word of God, proof of God's faithfulness to His promises, a demonstration of the meaning of grace and evidence that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

The book is a paperback that runs 255 pages in length. Like all of Dr. Reagan's books, it is written in a down-to-earth, easy-to-understand style. It is a book that will strengthen your faith while providing you with a better understanding of what God is doing in the Middle East today. The book sells for \$20, including shipping.

Dr. Reagan has been to Israel more than 45 times, and his writings concerning the Jewish people resulted recently in his being ordained an honorary rabbi by the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America.

Israel Video

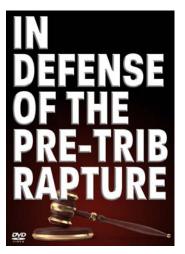


How does Israel fit into the end-time pattern of prophesied events? Do the Jewish people have any right to the land of Israel? Can Israel continue to exist in the midst of the sea of Arab people who surround it? Is there any hope for peace in the Middle East? Where does ISIS fit into the end-time scheme of events? Why should the US provide support for Israel?

These and many other key questions concerning the Middle East are addressed by Dr. Reagan in this powerful presentation that was videotaped before a live audience. It is lavishly illustrated throughout with PowerPoint slides.

Running time is 60 minutes. \$20, including shipping. ❖

Rapture Video



Dr. Reagan presents an in-depth defense of the Pre-Trib Rapture doctrine. In the process, he deals with many key questions that people ask about the doctrine: Is the word, Rapture, in the Bible? Where is the concept in the Bible? Was the concept held by any of the Church Fathers? Does it date only to the early 1800s, and if so, is it too new to be true?

In addition to Dr. Reagan's teachings on the subject, he interviews a number of experts, including Tommy Ice, Andy Woods, Mark Hitchcock, William Watson, Charles Ryrie and Tim LaHaye.

Running time is 90 minutes. \$20, including shipping. ❖

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Ministry News

Schedule of Activities —

September:

Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage led by Tim Moore with the assistance of Glenn Meredith (2-13).

Vic Batista in Miami, FL, hosts a radio Bible teaching program with Nathan Jones (6,13,20,27).

Dave Reagan and Nathan Jones will both be speaking at the annual Louisiana Prophecy Conference sponsored by Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, LA (8-9).

Nathan Jones at the West Coast Prophecy Conference sponsored by According to Prophecy Ministries and hosted by The San Diego Worship Center in CA (17-19).

Dave Reagan at the Believer's Class at First Baptist Church in Forney, TX (24).

October:

Vic Batista in Miami, FL, hosts a radio Bible teaching program with Nathan Jones (4,11,18,25).

Dave Reagan, Nathan Jones, Tim Moore and Dennis Pollock will be speaking at the Lamb & Lion Regional Prophecy Conference at First Assembly of God Church in Frankfort, KY (13-14).

Dave Reagan at The Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (29 – evening only).

November:

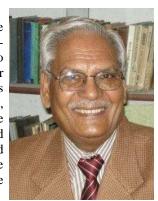
Vic Batista in Miami, FL, hosts a radio Bible teaching program with Nathan Jones (1,8,15,22,29).

Missions —



Donald Dolmus is the wonderful man of God in Nicaragua who serves part time on our ministry's staff as a translator. He maintains a website at www.endefensadela fe.org where he posts our articles that he has translated into Spanish. He recently decided to take a BIG step of faith by resigning his job at a bank in order to speak and write about Bible prophecy full time. He needs encouragement and financial support. Please consider making a special donation.

Another wonderful ministry we support is that of **Nazir Gill** in Pakistan. He is a remarkable man who has been in full time ministry for more than 50 years. He operates under constant threats to his life, but he has never slowed down. He speaks many languages fluently and has used that gift to translate and publish many of our books in the native languages of Pakistan. He needs your prayers and support.





Pastor Nazir Gill speaking at his 2017 prophecy conference.

Letters —

A letter from **Marty Dempsey**, a lady who lives in Watertown, South Dakota:

"I have watched 'Christ in Prophecy' for several years. I record the program and watch each one several times, and I take notes because I have been teaching Bible prophecy for over 50 years.

"I teach what I call 'A Panoramic View of End Time Prophecy.' That includes Creation, because if you don't believe what the Bible says about Creation, you won't believe prophecy. I also teach the Pre-Trib Rapture, and I emphasize Israel as the focal point of end time prophecy. I write a newsletter and am now teaching the book of Romans. I say Romans chapter one is where you can find America in prophecy.

"I love hearing Jack Hollingsworth sing. I have his DVD album and have shared it with others. I plan to share Larry McCoy's Revelation music with my class. I've enjoyed so many of your programs and have been blessed by what I have learned from your teachings.

"I'm a widow and don't always have money to spare, but I do support Jewish charity and hope to someday be able to visit Israel. My heart yearns to go there, and aches for the things they have to endure, even while I rejoice at how God is blessing them now and how He has promised to bless them in the future.

"Dr. Reagan, both you and Nathan have blessed my life and enabled my own tiny ministry to be better. So, I thank you and trust God to bless you in the days to come. I wish I could do more. Baruch Haba B'Shem Adonai!"

From a **prisoner** in the Wyoming State Penitentiary:

"Doctor Reagan, I have just finished reading your book, Wrath & Glory, that you have been so gracious to give me. I am now passing the book around my pod in order to help others to understand the book of Revelation. I like the way you explained how Revelation brings the whole Bible together!"

From **Dr. David Bartley**, a college professor in Marion, IN:

"Dr. Reagan, the funds enclosed are for one copy of your book, *Jesus: The Lamb and the Lion*. My family and I look forward to your TV program every week and enjoy the lessons and guests. Your presentations are always thoughtful and inspiring. And Nathan, your work on the website is exemplary." •



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Another New Book by Dr. Reagan!

Dr. Reagan has been writing furiously this year. In May we issued his new book about Israel in Bible prophecy. In July his latest book — his 16th — came off the press. He says he considers it to be the most important book he has ever written.

The book begins with an in-depth description of the major enemy of Christianity in America today — namely, the philosophy of Humanism, which Dr. Reagan claims is the religion of Satan. He then launches into the presentation of summaries of the messages of 13 prophetic voices God has anointed to speak out against Humanism and to warn our nation of its danger. These are voices that have also alerted us to our sins and have called our nation to repentance lest we suffer the wrath of God.

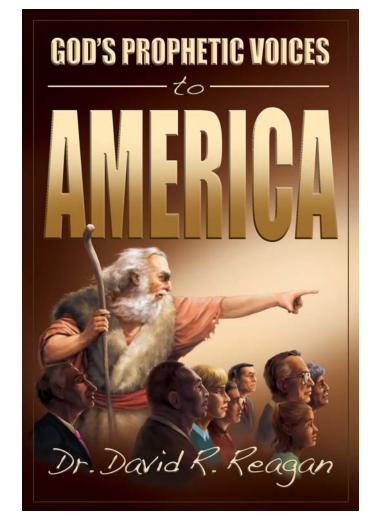
Four of the voices are from the past. The other nine are currently active. The four voices from the past are Peter Marshall, David Wilkerson, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and Francis Schaeffer.

The nine current voices are Donald Wildmon, Erwin Lutzer, David Jeremiah, William Koenig, Jan Markell, Albert Mohler, Jr., Franklin Graham, Robert Jeffress and Jonathan Cahn.

The book concludes with an essay by Dr. Reagan in which he addresses the crucial question: "Is America Doomed?"

This is the first book we have published that contains photographs, and there are many — and they are all in full color except for two or three older photos that were available only in black and white.

The book runs 287 pages in length. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping.



To place your order, call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time, or place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com. We are anxious to get copies of this book into the hands of pastors. So, we are making a special offer of two copies for \$30, including shipping. Please consider purchasing one copy for yourself and another for your pastor. Request offer #780. Pastors all across our nation need to be challenged to give serious thought to the wretched spiritual condition of our nation and the consequences of our continued rebellion against God. •