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# Observations by the Editor

## 41 Years

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

Yes, it was 41 years ago on April 1, 1980, that I gave up my academic career and stepped out in faith to establish this ministry. I was scared witless at the time, but I was tired of running from the Lord's call on my life.

I was vice president of a university at the time, and when I told the president that I had decided to go into full time ministry, he asked me, "What church?" I told him, "No church. I'm going to establish a Bible prophecy ministry and start proclaiming the soon return of the Lord." He looked at me in disbelief and asked, "When?" I replied, "April 1st." He responded by saying, "I think you have selected a very appropriate date!"

And so, on April Fool's Day in 1980 I established this ministry. Many of my friends and relatives said I was crazy. Exactly one year later, I arrived back from taking a pilgrimage group to Israel. My wife met me at the airport and handed me a beautifully wrapped present. I said, "What's this? It's not my birthday." She replied, "But it's a very special day." I unwrapped it and discovered a plaque she had designed for me. It said, "Happy First Anniversary to Lamb & Lion Ministries, April 1, 1980 to April 1, 1981." And then, at the bottom it said, "We are fools for Christ's sake . . . 1 Corinthians 4:10." That plaque is one of my most cherished possessions.

I had spent many years preaching and teaching about faith, but I found out very soon that it is one thing to talk about it and another thing to actually do something by faith. I spent a lot of time on my knees praying — asking the Lord to meet the needs of the ministry.

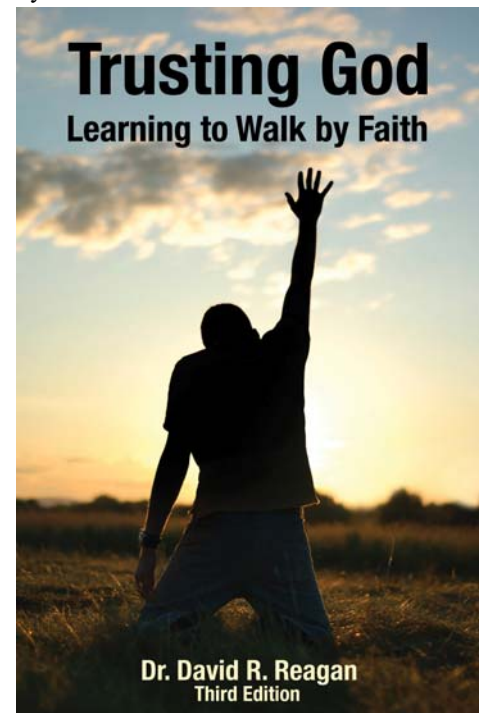
For the first seven years, my income was \$1,000 per month. Any income above that amount was reinvested in the ministry to pay staff salaries or purchase equipment. My wife and I and our family lived on her meager income as a first grade teacher.

It was very difficult to start a ministry back in those days. Keep in mind that there was no access to the Internet until 1995. Today, if you have something



**Dave & Ann Reagan in 1982.**

worthy to say, you can start up a ministry almost overnight by creating a website and posting videos of your teaching and preaching. I don't think I preached at a church with more than 50 people during the first three years of the ministry. But God used that time to refine my message and to teach me how to live by faith. The result was my first book in 1987, which has now gone through three editions. It was all about how to live by faith.



I want to thank all of you who have encouraged me over the years and prayed for this ministry and supported us with your donations. I pray you will continue to provide your support to Colonel Tim Moore and all the Lamb & Lion staff as they continue proclaiming the Lord's soon return. ❖

The marvelous cover painting is by an exceptional Israeli painter named Alex Levin. You can find his website at <https://artlevin.com>. He has many paintings of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Judaica that can grace your home.

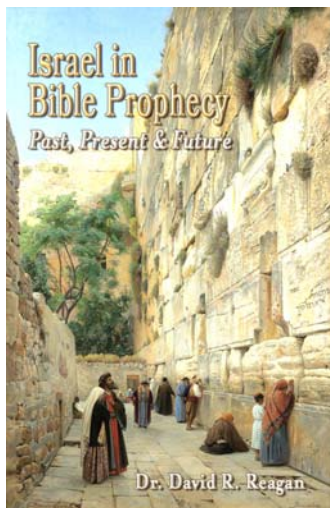
# JEWISH PREPARATIONS FOR THE MESSIAH



The Temple Mount as viewed looking east from the Mount of Olives. The Al-Aqsa Mosque is at the left end — the building with the dark dome. The building with the gold dome is an Islamic shrine called the Dome of the Rock. It is situated where most Orthodox Jews believe the first two Jewish Temples were located. The closed gate on the wall to the right is the Eastern Gate or Golden Gate. The gorge between the Mount of Olives and the Temple Mount is called the Kidron Valley. (Photo by the author, taken in 2007)

## Dr. David R. Reagan

End-time Bible prophecy focuses on the Jewish people and the Nation of Israel. Accordingly, I have written two books about the Jews in prophecy. One is titled, *The Jewish People: Rejected or Beloved?* (2014). The other is titled, *Israel in Bible Prophecy: Past, Present & Future* (2017).



The first book about the Jewish people was written to demonstrate how evil and unbiblical are two theologies concerning Israel that dominate Christendom today — namely, Replacement Theology and Dual Covenant Theology. Replacement Theology argues that God has no purpose left for the Jewish people. Dual

Covenant Theology maintains that Jews do not need Jesus because they can be saved through the Mosaic Covenant by following the Ten Commandments.

## Israel in Prophecy

In the second book about Israel in Bible prophecy, I contend that between the period from 70 AD to 1900, God fulfilled four prophecies concerning the Jewish people — namely, their worldwide dispersion, their persecution, their preservation and the desolation of their homeland.

I then show how God fulfilled in whole or in part seven end-time prophecies during the 20th Century. Those prophecies were as follows:

- 1) The regathering of the Jewish people to their homeland (Isaiah 11:10-12 and Ezekiel 36:22-28).
- 2) The re-establishment of the state of Israel (Isaiah 66:7-8, Ezekiel 37:21-22 and Zechariah 12:2-3).
- 3) The reclamation of the land of Israel (Isaiah 35:1-2,7 and Ezekiel 36:35).
- 4) The revival of the Hebrew language (Zechariah 3:9 and Jeremiah 31:23).
- 5) The re-occupation of the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-3 and Luke 21:24).
- 6) The resurgence of the Israeli military (Zechariah 12:6,8 and Isaiah 41:15).
- 7) The refocusing of world politics on Israel (Zechariah 12:3 and



14:1-9).

This is a formidable list of prophecies being fulfilled before our very eyes. We are truly once again living in Bible times — equivalent to the period of time when Jesus came into this world the first time as a baby in Bethlehem.

### The Temple Sign

There is another Jewish sign that is not included in the list above and which is often overlooked. It is the preparations that the Orthodox Jews of Israel are making for the construction of their Third Temple. The First Temple was Solomon's that existed for 360 years (957 BC to 597 BC) before it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second Temple (often referred to as Herod's Temple) was built after the Jews returned from their Babylonian captivity. It existed for 586 years (516 BC to 70 AD) until it was destroyed by the Romans.

The Bible clearly prophesies that a Third Temple will exist in the end-times during the Great Tribulation. The prophet Daniel talked about this temple (Daniel 9:27, 11:31 and 12:11), as did Jesus (Matthew 24:15) and the Apostle Paul (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). And the Apostle John should be added to the list because he mentions the Tribulation Temple in his end-time prophecies (Revelation 11:1-2).

The point I am leading up to is that the preparations being made today for the building of the Third Temple — what will be the Tribulation Temple — are a clear sign that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

### The Modern Movement for a Third Temple

Today's effort to build the Third Temple seems to be rooted in a non-fiction book written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, Herman Wouk. The book was titled, *This Is My God*, and was published in 1959. The book prompted Jews worldwide to take action toward the rebuilding of their temple. For example, on May 21, 1967 (before Jerusalem was liberated on June 7, 1967), the following advertisement was printed in the *Washington Post*:<sup>1</sup>

#### To All Persons of the Jewish Faith All Over the World

A project to rebuild the Temple of God in Israel is now being started. With Divine Guidance and Help, the Temple will be completed. Jews will be inspired to conduct themselves in such a moral way that our Maker will see fit to pay us a visit here on earth. Imagine the warm feeling that will be ours when this happy event takes place. "This Is My God" is the book that was the inspiration for this undertaking. God will place in the minds of many persons in all walks of Jewish life the desire to participate in this work. Executive talent, Administrations and Workers on all levels are needed. All efforts will be anonymous. GOD will know those desiring to participate. Please write to Box M-917, The Washington Post. Under no circumstances send contributions. "GOD'S WILL WILL PREVAIL."

In 1982, after many years of disagreement about methods of approach, three groups of Orthodox Jews decided to combine their forces and cooperate with each other toward the goal of

rebuilding the Jewish Temple. One of those groups is still active today. It is called "The Temple Mount Faithful," and its dynamic leader is a former Israel Defense Force officer named Gershon Salomon.<sup>2</sup>



**Gershon Salomon**

([www.templemountfaithful.org](http://www.templemountfaithful.org))

This organization began as a nationalistic movement rather than a religious one. Its founder argued that the building of a Third Temple was essential to Jewish identity and sovereignty over the land of Israel. But in recent years, it has developed a more religiously-oriented apocalyptic and messianic platform in order to raise money among American Evangelicals. Its efforts have been very successful, and this has resulted in the waning of its influence among the Orthodox in Israel.

### The Temple Institute

The powerhouse group today that is leading the effort to build a Third Temple is The Temple Institute in Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> It has strong Orthodox support and has also received funding from the Israeli government.

This organization hit the ground running, and since its establishment in 1987, it has prepared all the vessels needed for the Temple ceremonies and sacrifices, as well as the necessary incenses and oils. The clothing for the priests has been prepared, including the breastplate and crown to be worn by the High Priest. Various musical instruments are being made along with furniture like the table of showbread and the altar of incense. All of these items can be seen online at the Institute's website.

The Institute was founded by a zealous Jewish rabbi named Yisrael Ariel. (I think it is interesting that Ariel is a poetic, scriptural name for Jerusalem! See Isaiah 29:1-2,7.) Several rabbis have served over the years as the Executive Director of the Institute, the most prominent being Yehuda Glick.

The most expensive item the Institute has constructed for the temple is the golden menorah that will be placed in the Holy Place. It is covered with 95 pounds of pure gold and cost several million dollars. It is currently on display in a glass case at a site overlooking the Western Wall.



**The Golden Menorah for the Third Temple.**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Hng2mVVjJs>)

The Temple Institute has also constructed a copper laver to be used by the priests for ceremonial cleansing. Even more significantly, a temporary mobile altar for animal sacrifices has been prepared and was publicly dedicated at the end of Hanukkah in December of 2018.

The altar is nine feet square by five feet high and is made of aerated concrete. It has been ruled to be fit for use in the Temple until a more permanent one can be made. Rabbi Baruch Kahane served in the role of High Priest at the dedication ceremony held next to the Western Wall of the Old City, near the Jaffa Gate. The priests wore biblically accurate garb appropriate for the Temple. The Jerusalem municipal authorities did not permit a sheep to be killed on-site, so one was slaughtered at another location, and sections of the meat were burned on the altar.<sup>4</sup>

### **The Ark of the Covenant**

The only thing needed for the Temple that the Temple Institute has not produced is the Ark of the Covenant. The reason they have refrained from tackling this project is because they are convinced that the original Ark is located beneath the Temple Mount in a special chamber that was designed for the Ark's safe-keeping.

The last mention of the Ark in the Scriptures is found in 2 Chronicles 35:3, where we are told that King Josiah had it returned to the Holy of Holies of Solomon's Temple. Presumably, it had been removed by King Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33: 4-5) when he desecrated the Temple by building within it altars to foreign gods.

The Bible does not reveal what happened to the Ark when Solomon's Temple was later destroyed by the Babylonians.

There never was an Ark in the Second Temple that was built after the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity. The Orthodox believe this was due to the fact that Israel was under either Persian, Greek or Roman control during the Second Temple period (516 BC to 70 AD). Thus, the Ark was kept hidden to keep it out of Gentile hands.

### **Architectural Plans**

In addition to preparing all the items needed within the Temple in order to revive the animal sacrifice system of the Mosaic Law, the Temple Institute has been heavily involved in preparing architectural plans for the Third Temple. In 2015, the plans were leaked to the public,<sup>5</sup> and since that time they have been posted on the Institute's website, together with a three-dimensional video of the Temple's proposed interior.<sup>6</sup>

The Orthodox Jews of Israel do not have a unified view of the architectural features of the Third Temple. The Temple Institute has taken the position that the Third Temple should resemble the second one.<sup>7</sup> Others maintain that it should follow the architectural description contained in Ezekiel 40-42. Another group believes the Temple will just descend from Heaven when the Messiah comes. Christians maintain that the Temple described by Ezekiel is the Millennial Temple which will be built after Jesus returns. They also believe that the Third Temple will most likely be destroyed during the Tribulation.

### **Ashes of the Red Heifer**

Orthodox Jews agree that the production of ritually-pure ashes of a red heifer is required for the re-institution of Temple



**R**abbi Yehuda Glick came to Israel in 1974 at age 8 when his family made aliyah from New York. He served in the IDF between 1986 and 1989 as a combat medic (his father was a medical doctor). He then earned degrees in Torah Studies and Israeli History.

In 1996, he began working in the Israeli Ministry of Immigration Absorption. He resigned this position in 2005 due to his strong opposition to the Gaza Disengagement Plan. At that time he became the Executive Director of The Temple Institute and began his efforts to free up the Temple Mount to Jewish ascension.

In the years following, he was arrested several times for praying on the Temple Mount. In 2013, he conducted a hunger strike to protest a police ban forbidding him access to the Temple Mount. This activism established him as the foremost proponent of Jewish sovereignty over the Temple Mount, and that led to an assassination attempt in October of 2014 when he was shot four times, point-blank, by an Arab terrorist. Glick miraculously survived the attack.

He served in the Israeli Parliament (the Knesset) from 2016 to 2019 as a member of Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud Party. Today he continues his advocacy for Jewish control of the Temple Mount through his Shalom Jerusalem Foundation which he established in 2019.

worship. This belief is based upon a mandate found in Numbers 19:1-10 that requires the Temple priests to be purified by the sprinkling of water containing the ashes of a red heifer.

To be kosher, the heifer has to be perfectly red, with no more than two hairs of a different color. It must be three years old and have no physical blemishes. It must never have been used for any physical labor, such as plowing.

The Temple Institute has taken on the task of breeding such an animal, using Red Angus cattle. They have produced several





**Rabbi Chaim Richman,**  
**the International Director of the Temple Institute.**  
 (Courtesy of the Temple Institute)

candidates thus far, but each has been disqualified for various reasons.<sup>8</sup>

In biblical times, it was the practice to mix the ashes of a new red heifer sacrifice with those of the preceding heifer. Some Orthodox believe this is a modern necessity, and therefore, they argue that the ashes of the last red heifer must be found. The Temple Institute has taken the position that this is not necessary.<sup>9</sup>

### **Priests for the Temple**

The Temple Institute has established a school to train priests for the Third Temple. Only Levites directly descended from Aaron, the first High Priest, are qualified to serve as priests with sacrificial duties. These are referred to as *kohanim*. Others of the tribe of Levi are qualified only to care for the Temple — its vessels and furnishings.

Genetic testing is being done to determine the descendants of Aaron.<sup>10</sup> In the process, it has been discovered that the lineage of male descendants of Aaron has been carefully preserved by God. Thus, over 98% of Jewish men who identify as *kohanim* (often with the last name of Cohen), have a specific genetic marker in common.<sup>11</sup>

### **The Sanhedrin**

The revival of the ancient Jewish Sanhedrin Council is another very important sign of Jewish preparations for the appearance of the Messiah.<sup>12</sup>

In New Testament times, the Great Sanhedrin was a council made up of 70 Jewish sages plus a presiding president who was usually the High Priest. The group served as the Supreme Court of Israel regarding matters of Jewish religious and ceremonial laws.<sup>13</sup> It was the court that condemned Jesus to death as a blasphemer.

The Sanhedrin lost its power to carry out the death penalty under Roman rule, which is the reason it had to refer Jesus to the Roman governor, Pilate, in order to secure His execution.

After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD, the

Sanhedrin moved around the Galilee area of northern Israel for many years from town to town until 240 AD, when it finally settled in Tiberias, a city located on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee.<sup>14</sup> It was in Tiberias that the group made its final binding decision in 358 AD when it adopted the Hebrew calendar.<sup>15</sup>

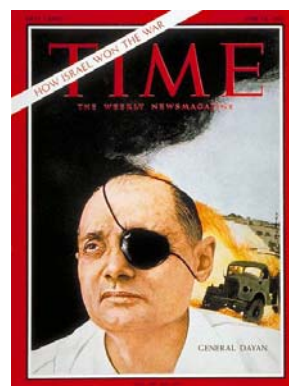
During the years between 1538 and 1949, there were five major attempts to re-establish the Sanhedrin, but none of them were successful. But in October of 2004, a group of rabbis meeting in Tiberias succeeded in reconvening the Sanhedrin and have kept it going since that time, conducting their meetings in Jerusalem.<sup>16</sup>

These modern day Orthodox shakers and movers in Israel believe it is necessary to have a Sanhedrin in order to authenticate the Messiah when He comes. But it is significant that their first order of business was to launch a research project to determine the exact location of the First and Second Temples. This is a top priority with them because they believe the Third Temple must be built on the same location.<sup>17</sup>

The “nascent” Sanhedrin (as it is usually called) has not yet been recognized by the Israeli government. But it does appear to have quasi-recognition from the secular court system as a rabbinical court.<sup>18</sup>

### **Political Efforts**

I think it should be mentioned that several political organizations have been formed in recent years whose sole purpose is to lobby for the Israeli government to take action toward claiming sovereignty over the Temple Mount. This action is seen as a necessary prelude to any effort to build a Third Temple.



**Moshe Dayan**  
 (June 16, 1967)

The problem of the control of the Temple Mount was created in 1967, when the Jews conquered the Old City of Jerusalem in the Six Day War. Instead of asserting sovereignty, as they did with the rest of the Old City, the Israel Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, who was a secular Jew, decided arbitrarily to turn control of the Temple Mount back to the Muslims, hoping this would demonstrate the desire of Israel for peace. Instead, it signaled to the Muslims that the Jews were weak in their resolution to control the ancient capital. Since that time, the Muslims have denied Jews equal rights on the Temple Mount.

One of the political organizations formed to fight Muslim discrimination on the Temple Mount, and hopefully bring about Jewish sovereignty over the Mount, is called The Temple Mount Heritage Foundation.<sup>19</sup> It was founded by a broad spectrum of Israelis whose goal is “to end the unconscionable discrimination against Jews on the Temple Mount.” The foundation’s hope is to reclaim for Jews the basic civil rights of free access, free worship and free congregation on the Mount.

A similar organization with a high profile is The Shalom Jerusalem Foundation that was founded by Rabbi Yehuda Glick in 2019.<sup>20</sup> It has the same goals as the Temple Mount Heritage Foundation, but Rabbi Glick has managed to gain greater attention due to his confrontational methods.

## Temple Readiness

Considering all the Temple activities we have surveyed, what is the current state of readiness for constructing the Third Temple? In March of 2019, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, founder of the Temple Institute, declared that the Temple services could be instituted within four hours after access to the Temple Mount is granted.<sup>21</sup>

That announcement amazed most people. “How could the services be implemented so quickly,” most wondered. My guess is that the Temple Institute intends to erect a temporary tent Temple, like the Tabernacle of Moses that was used by the Children of Israel during their wilderness wanderings, and which continued to exist at Shiloh for over 400 years during the period of the Judges and the early kingships of Saul and David. Its last resting place was at Gibeon during the final years of David’s kingship (1 Kings 3:4).

So, most likely, the Orthodox will erect a temporary tabernacle on the Temple Mount and use it while the Third Temple is being built.

### The Catalyst

What is likely to be the event that will ultimately launch the rebuilding of a Jewish Temple? Many have speculated that it will be the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant. That could well be. But the discovery of the Ark will not solve the problem of locating the new Temple on the same site of the ancient Temples. Any attempt to tear down the Dome of the Rock would launch an all-out war with the Arabs.

I think the most likely scenario is that the Dome of the Rock will be destroyed during the War of Gog & Magog that is described in Ezekiel 38 & 39. These chapters state that Russia and all its Muslim allies will be destroyed supernaturally by God on the mountains of Israel, and that one of the methods God will use is “a great earthquake” that will cause “every wall to fall to the ground” (Ezekiel 38:19-20).

I suspect that this earthquake will destroy the Dome of the Rock. And with its destruction and the annihilation of Muslim forces, the way will be open for the Jews to rebuild their Temple on the site of the Dome. Their intention to do so will be protected by the Antichrist when he signs a treaty guaranteeing his protection of Israel — a treaty that will initiate the Tribulation. Thus, I believe the War of Gog & Magog is most likely to occur during the time between the Rapture and the launching of the Tribulation.

### Orthodox Attitudes

All of this activity in behalf of the construction of a Third Temple — both religious and political — is clear evidence of a move of God on Jewish hearts to motivate them to prepare for the end-time events revealed in the book of Revelation. They think they are getting ready to build the Temple for the soon coming Messiah. But the Bible reveals that it will not be the Messiah’s Millennial Temple. Rather, it will serve as the Tribulation Temple that the Antichrist will desecrate.

Just as God touched the hearts of Jewish people all over the world at the beginning of the 20th Century, motivating them to return to their homeland, He is now touching the hearts of Orthodox Jewish leaders, motivating them to build the Third Temple.

When the Jews conquered the Old City of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (the Chief Rabbi of the IDF and later the Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of Israel) rushed to the Western Wall, blew a shofar and shouted, “We have taken the City of God. We are entering the Messianic era for the Jewish people.”<sup>22</sup> He said that because he knew from prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures that when the Jews are back in the land and back in their capital city, the Messiah will come.



**Rabbi Shlomo Goren blows a shofar at the Western Wall on June 7, 1967.** (www.wikipedia.com)

More recently, Rabbi Yosef Berger — the Rabbi of David’s Tomb on Mount Zion — echoed Rabbi Goren by declaring that “we are today living in the beginning of the Messianic era.”<sup>23</sup> Accordingly, he called for the creation of a golden crown to be given to the Messiah when He arrives in Jerusalem.

In like manner, in February of 2020, Rabbi Shlomo Amar — the former Shephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel — proclaimed that “all the great rabbis of this generation are saying that the Messiah is about to reveal Himself.”<sup>24</sup> Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky, who is today considered to be one of the leading Torah scholars in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish world expressed the same viewpoint by declaring succinctly that “the Messiah is standing at the door.”<sup>25</sup> And Rabbi Avner Efgin, one of the world’s leading Kabbalist rabbis stated recently that “what has happened over the past year is most definitely a sign of the coming Messiah.”<sup>26</sup>

### Concluding Thoughts

In summary, the Orthodox rabbis are reading the signs of the times and calling their people to prepare for the Messiah’s immediate appearance. Meanwhile, the Church is asleep, ignoring God’s Prophetic Word and refusing to pay attention to the Signs of the Times.

What an irony! The first time Jesus came, it was the Jews who refused to believe. Today, it’s the Church that is caught up in unbelief while the Orthodox Jews are anxiously watching for the Messiah while making fervent preparations for Him. The Lord’s Second Coming is not going to catch the Orthodox Jews by surprise. What is going to surprise them is His identity.

Can there be any doubt that the current Jewish preparations for the Messiah are just one more important sign that we are the terminal generation that is going to witness the Lord’s return in the heavens for His Church?

***Maranatha! ☆***

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# Where is the Ark of the Covenant?

Dr. Thomas S. McCall



Dr. Tom McCall

(Editor's note: Dr. McCall was called home to the Lord on January 28, 2021 at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn who lives in the Tyler, Texas area. Tom was a brilliant expositor of God's Word. Even more important, he had a great zeal for lost souls, and he spent his life sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people. He spent 25 years with the American Board of Missions to the Jews (known today as Chosen People Ministries). In the 1970s, he became a mentor to Zola Levitt, teaching him Bible prophecy. That led to the two of them

writing nine books together, the first being a best-seller titled, *Satan in the Sanctuary*. This article about the Ark of the Covenant first appeared in the 1997 *Levitt Letter*.)

The Ark of the Covenant disappeared off of the pages of history by the time of the Babylonian Captivity. Nothing in the Bible is said about the Ark in the Old Testament after the return from Babylon, but the Apocrypha states that the Ark could not be found when the Jewish people rebuilt the Temple at the time of Ezra and Zechariah. The explanation in the Apocrypha was that Jeremiah hid the Ark in a cave in Mt. Nebo before the Babylonian invasion, and that its location would not be revealed until God was ready for it to be found.

### The Absence of the Ark in the Second Temple

Thus, the Holy of Holies in the Second Temple was an empty chamber, without the Ark of the Covenant. When the Roman General Pompey conquered Jerusalem around 63 B.C., he demanded the privilege of entering the Holy of Holies. When he did, he came out saying that he could not understand what all the interest was about the sanctuary, when it was only an empty room.

The fact that the Ark of the Covenant was not used in the Second Temple has led to the speculation of where the Ark is, or if it still exists on the earth. The Ark was so important in Israel from the time of Moses through the Judges and the First Temple era, that it seems remarkable that nothing is said of it in the Bible after the Babylonian Captivity, until the Letter to the Hebrews and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. In Hebrews 9:4 it is described as it was in the original Tabernacle made by Moses; and in Revelation, the Ark is seen by John in heaven (Revelation 11:19). In neither case is the Ark mentioned as something that remains on the earth now.

### Is the Ark Needed for the Third Temple?

One question that arises is, can the Temple be rebuilt if it

does not contain the Ark? The Scriptures indicate that the Temple will be rebuilt and standing during the Tribulation period, and that the Tribulation Temple (the Third Temple) will be desecrated by the Antichrist. How can the worship of Yahweh be resumed as it was in ancient times if there is no Ark in the Holy of Holies? We have already seen, though, that the absence of the Ark of the Covenant did not keep the Temple from being rebuilt at the conclusion of the Babylonian Captivity.

The Second Temple stood for over 500 years without containing an Ark, and it was fully recognized as a valid house of worship for the Lord. Christ Himself declared the Temple to be His Father's House. So it would not be unthinkable to build the Tribulation Temple, even if the Ark is not discovered. If the Ark does still exist, however, and it were somehow discovered, it would certainly give rise to a strong movement in Israel and around the world to rebuild the Temple to house the Ark properly.

### Is the Ark Hidden in the Temple Mount?

There persists a legend that the Ark does exist on earth, but is hidden. A recently published book by Randall Price, entitled *In Search of Temple Treasures*, presents the various views on what has happened to the Ark. Some of the traditions place the Ark outside of Israel, such as at Mt. Nebo, Egypt and even far-off Ethiopia. But all of these traditions have problems and seem unlikely, since there is a lack of any scriptural evidence for them.

A view that has predominated in rabbinic circles is that the Ark was hidden in a cave beneath the Temple Mount in the very heart of Israel. The theory goes that the priests hid the Ark beneath the Temple Mount, perhaps as early as during the time of King Josiah, since the coming prophesied invasion by the Babylonians was only a matter of time. By hiding the Ark and other Temple treasures, the priests felt that the priceless sacred articles could be protected from desecration by the pagan invaders.



Dr. Tom McCall is shown above on the Christ in Prophecy TV set in 2018 with Dr. Reagan.

### Why Didn't Israel Use the Ark in the Second Temple?

As it turned out, the Babylonians did invade Jerusalem. They destroyed the Temple and carried away many of the vessels and implements to their capital city a thousand miles away. No mention is made in the Scriptures of the Babylonians taking the



Ark, the Menorah, or other key Temple items. If the Ark and the other implements were hidden under the Temple, why weren't they recovered and used after the Captivity? It's hard to imagine that the priests would have knowingly left the Ark out of the Holy of Holies if they could have utilized it during the 500 years of the Second Temple.

The explanation offered is that they felt that as long as Jerusalem was subject to domination by the succeeding powers of Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome, the Ark and other treasures could be desecrated and captured by the Gentile armies. Thus, the sacred items were kept in seclusion until it was considered safe to bring them out to be placed in the Temple.

### **The Rabbinical Attempt to Find the Ark**

At any rate, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (1917-1994) and Rabbi Yehuda Getz (1924-1995), the rabbis in charge of the Western Wall area, were convinced that the Ark had been hidden in a cave in the Temple Mount directly under the site of the Holy of Holies, since the time of King Josiah. They probably represented the majority of Orthodox rabbis in their views. They had a concept of vertical air space, by which the space of the Holy of Holies sanctifies the ground directly below it. Thus, the ancient priests would have been careful to locate the cave repository for the Ark in the sanctified area below the Holy of Holies. The evidence for all of these suppositions about the location of the Ark, as Rabbi Getz conceded, came more from the Talmud than the Scriptures. Nevertheless, there is a large and growing group of Orthodox Jewish adherents who believe that the Ark is in this cave below the Holy of Holies, and awaits the right time to be found.

Rabbi Getz believed that in 1982 he was very close, within 40 feet, to finding the cave in which the Ark resides. He was conducting a search in an old tunnel that had been filled with the debris of centuries, which runs perpendicular to the Western Wall and under the Temple Mount. However, when the Moslems discovered that there were diggings being conducted under the Dome of the Rock, they threatened a general riot and the diggings were stopped. The rabbi explained that, for the sake of maintaining peace with their Moslem neighbors, the Israelis had to reveal the entrance to the tunnel, and it remains blocked up to this day.

### **Temple Interest an Indication of the Imminent Rapture**

The Scriptures are not clear as to whether the Ark of the Covenant still exists on the earth, but they are clear that a Third Temple will be rebuilt and standing during the Tribulation. There is no question that if the Ark were found, it would give enormous impetus to the rebuilding of the Temple to house it.

Bible-believing Christians should keep a sharp eye out for any developments surrounding the Temple Mount, realizing that it is a key element leading to the Tribulation era. The closer we get to the Tribulation, the closer we are to the imminent Rapture of the Church, which, we believe the Scriptures teach, will precede the Tribulation.

Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. ✚

## **A Personal Story**

# **Zola Levitt and Me: A Spiritual Journey**

**Dr. Thomas S. McCall**

(Editor's note: This article was originally published in this magazine in 2007.)

**Z**ola Levitt was the best known and most beloved Jewish believer in Christ in the world in his time. It was my privilege to know him as a friend, partner and colleague for some 35 years. I like to think it was a great spiritual journey for both of us.

### **How I Met Zola**



**Tom McCall and Zola Levitt  
in Israel in the 1970s.**

Zola came to my office in the fall of 1971 on an assignment from Campus Crusade for Christ to obtain sleeping space for a couple of dozen of the thousands of college kids coming to Dallas, Texas for Explo '72 from all over North America. He had received the Lord at the University of Indiana a few months before through Campus Crusade, and they asked him to come to Dallas to help them with publicity for the event. At the time he was working on his doctorate in music at UI, and also was a journalist for the university newspaper.

I was the Southwest Regional Director for the American Board of Missions to the Jews (now known as the Chosen People Ministry), and we had a mission building known as Beth Sar Shalom (House of the Prince of Peace). I told Zola we would be happy to provide sleeping space for the college kids during the Explo '72 week.

With that settled, we began to discuss how he received Christ and his Jewish background. I asked him if he knew any other Jewish Christians, and he said, "I didn't know there were any!" So I invited him to visit our meetings to meet other Jewish believers and also Gentile believers who loved the Jewish people.

Zola told me that he had been taught that when he accepted Christ, he stopped being a Jew — he became a Gentile! It's a little hard for those of us who knew Zola to imagine Zola the Gentile! But that is what he thought at the time. He had a joke about this he often repeated. He said he thought he had been condemned to a life of eating ham on white bread with mayonnaise for the rest of his life — that's what being a Gentile meant to him. But, he reasoned if that is what it took to be a follower of

Jesus, he was willing.

### How Zola Grew in the Lord

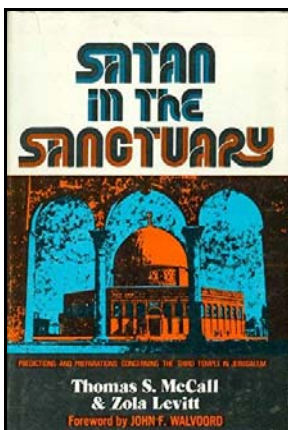
Zola really enjoyed the fellowship and teaching at Beth Sar Shalom along with our group of Jewish and Gentile believers. He took an active role in every aspect of the teaching and he played the piano with great gusto. My wife Carolyn and I appreciated the lively contribution Zola made to the fellowship, teaching, and worship in the congregation.

One Sunday evening he went with me to a church where I gave a “Christ in the Passover” presentation. It was a great eye opener for Zola. He said he had never seen anything like it. Before, he thought that all he had learned in his Jewish youth was useless, but now he grasped that everything in his Jewish background had its fulfillment in his own Messiah, Christ Jesus. From that point on, it was full speed ahead for Zola and his growth in the Lord.

### How We Wrote Nine Books Together

One evening, after a meeting at Beth Sar Shalom, Zola told me he wanted to talk with me, so we went to get a cup of coffee at the nearby IHOP. He said that he had read an article I had written for *Bibliotheca Sacra* (a theological journal published by Dallas Theological Seminary). It was entitled “The Tribulation Temple,” and was about the Bible prophecies concerning the rebuilding of the Jerusalem Temple in the future Tribulation. Zola thought it was very good, but he wondered who read it. I told him theologians, seminary professors, pastors and teachers were the ones who read the journal.

Zola exclaimed that this was something that needed to be written for the people at large. I asked him how that could be done. He thought that we could combine my theological training and his journalistic training and make a good book. If I would write out the biblical teaching, he would take it and put it into journalistic language. In this way, he could learn the Bible, and I could learn to write for people other than seminary professors. Zola really did have a gift for taking complex theological truths and putting them into simple language for the people.



Thus was born our first book, *Satan in the Sanctuary* (1973). Moody Press was interested, we obtained an advance, and within a few months of concentrated work, the manuscript was completed. Some months later the galley proofs were printed and finally published. The Lord blessed the book. It was a Moody Press best seller. Bantam Books produced a mass paperback edition, and soon we saw our books on shelves in secular book stores and in supermarkets. Later, the book was published in several different

languages. Indeed, the prophetic message of the Word was getting out to the people.

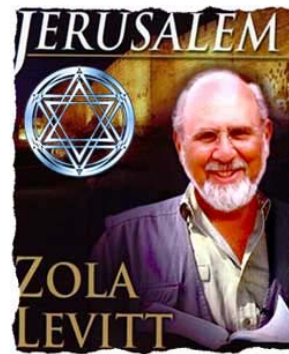
Shortly after the book was published, a Christian film producer, Dr. Mal Couch, asked Zola and me if we would like to work with him in producing a film about our book. We agreed, and we soon left for Israel. We spent three weeks there produc-

ing the film, *The Temple*. During the next few years that film was shown in a multitude of churches throughout North America.

Zola and I co-authored nine books together, and we both felt that it was a wonderful partnership. These books covered a wide range of subjects, from Bible prophecy, to surveys of the Old and New Testament, to Israeli archaeology, to correspondence with college and seminary professors and administrators about disturbing shifts in doctrinal positions away from sound Dispensational teaching.

Zola used to say that through these books he was becoming a theologian, and I was becoming a popular writer. We also felt that as Jewish and Gentile believers writing together, we could say things that neither one of us could say as well separately. I think the Lord used us to make an unusual impact upon both unsaved people and Christians alike.

### How Zola Developed Into a TV Icon



Zola was a gifted media talent. He began as the host for a local Christian radio talk show in Dallas that was called “The Heart of the Matter.” Within a couple of years, he had developed a popular following. Then a local TV station asked him if he would like to put together a Christmas program for TV.

Zola had already worked with a television producer named Ken Berg to produce a film about the Antichrist, so Zola and Ken teamed up to develop a Christmas TV program. This began another long partnership that had long-range results. Zola and Ken made hundreds of TV programs entitled “Zola Levitt Presents” that were syndicated on numerous networks and channels throughout the country. Zola Levitt became a household name, indeed a TV icon, in Evangelical Christian circles.

I was privileged to work with Zola and Ken on many TV programs, both on location in Israel and doing commentary back in the studio. One of the highlights of my ministry was to do the series of programs on Bible archaeology entitled “The Stones Cry Out,” in which we interviewed leading archaeologists about their uncovering of Biblical cities and artifacts. I think Zola and I encouraged one another as we taught the Scriptures together, visited the great sites of the Bible in Israel, and exhorted the viewers to look forward to the Rapture of the Church and to pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

Zola traveled extensively and must have spoken in hundreds of churches around the country. His favorite themes were “Christ in the Passover,” and “The Christian Love Story,” a parable about the Jewish wedding customs and the engagement and future wedding of the Church to the Lord Jesus Christ. He pointed out many of the parallels between Jewish customs and salvation, the Rapture and the Second Coming. The churches greatly appreciated his ministry.

### How Did Zola Relate To The Jewish Community?

Zola was never far from his Jewish roots. He maintained a



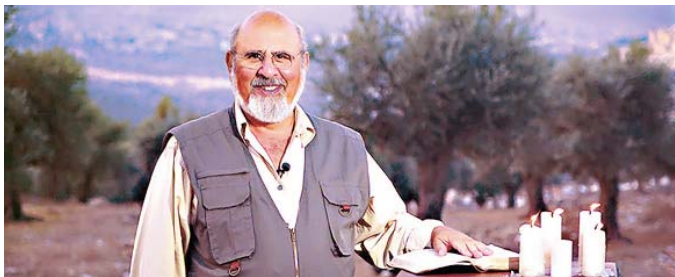
relationship with his family, although he was saddened because he felt that no one else in his family ever received the Lord. His brother and mother told him from time to time that it was all right for him to do what he was doing, because he was educating the Gentiles about Israel!

I remember well being with Zola on a TV production trip to Israel, staying in a hotel that catered to American Jews, and dining in the hotel restaurant. For several days at every meal, Jewish people would come up to Zola and tell him that they regularly watched his TV program, although they didn't believe everything that he said. Perhaps now in Heaven Zola knows the impact of his long ministry on the lives of both Jews and Gentiles.

He was close friends with some of the Jewish Christian leaders, including Moishe Rosen, the founder of Jews for Jesus. As the Messianic Jewish movement developed, Zola was often asked to speak to Messianic congregations. He enjoyed the fellowship of other Jewish believers, but he told me he never felt comfortable in some of those congregations that seemed to put rabbinic traditions over the simple Gospel of Christ.

During the last several years of his life, Zola started a Messianic congregation called Shalom Shalom which met at the Biblical Arts Center in Dallas. He said he was trying to re-create the setting and atmosphere of the Beth Sar Shalom center we had in days gone by.

#### Zola and Israel



Zola Levitt on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem.

Zola had a great passion for Israel, and I know he made over 75 trips to Israel, because the Israeli Tourism Department gave him an award for bringing that many tours to the Holy Land. He took three or four tours every year to Israel and other Bible Lands when tourism was good and when tourism was bad.

Zola always said that he felt safer in Israel than anywhere else in the world. Going there and making TV programs on location was his way of proclaiming the prophetic Word of the Lord and the glorious Second Coming of Christ. Let me conclude in the same way that he always ended his programs: "*Sha-a-lu Shalom Yerushalayim, Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!*" ☆

Editor's Note: When Zola died in 2006 at the age of 67, he was undoubtedly the best known Messianic Jew in America due to the popularity of his TV program. Yet, throughout most of his life, Zola was really a Hebrew-Christian who attended Baptist or Bible churches. This article about Zola was written by Dr. McCall at the special request of this ministry.

## Bible Sleuthing

# Was Luke a Gentile?

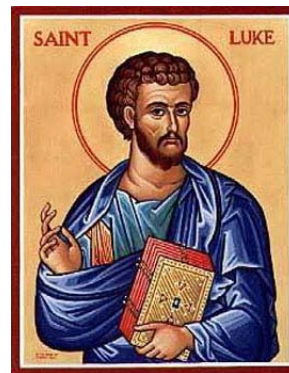
Dr. Thomas S. McCall

(Editor's note: This article was originally published in this magazine in 1999. I consider it to be one of the most interesting articles that Dr. McCall ever wrote, and I agree completely with his conclusion that Luke was a Jew.)

As we speak and teach the Word, we often mention that the whole Bible is a Jewish book, and that all the writers of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, were Jews. Frequently, someone asks the question, "What about Luke, wasn't he a Gentile?" This has been taught throughout church history for so long and so consistently, that it is assumed without question it must be true. However, when you study how this conclusion was reached by biblical commentators, you realize how slender their evidence is. The idea that Luke was a Gentile seems to be based more on tradition than any strong biblical evidence.

### Importance of the Question

It may not seem important whether or not Luke was a Gentile, but when you think about the magnitude of his work, the issue becomes truly significant. By counting the pages written by Luke in both his Gospel and Acts, it is clear that Luke wrote more pages of the New Testament than any other writer, including Paul and John. If Luke was a Gentile, then the Lord entrusted more pages of New Testament revelation to a Gentile than to any other writer. This would be remarkable, to say the least.



Personally, as a Gentile Christian, I would love to have one of "our guys" as a writer in the canon of Scripture, so I am naturally reluctant to find otherwise. However, the evidence appears overwhelming to me that Luke was, in fact, a Jew. The matter cannot be settled conclusively, because the Scriptures never specifically tell us Luke's background, but the arguments for his being a Jew appear to far outweigh those for his being a Gentile.

### Arguments for Luke Being a Gentile

Usually, biblical commentators simply assert that Luke was a Gentile, without offering any proof at all, as it is so universally believed. Some commentaries, though, present arguments for sustaining the concept of the Gentile background of Luke. Chief among these arguments are the lists of people contained in the Epistle to the Colossians.

### The Lists in Colossians

In Colossians 4, the Apostle Paul closes his letter by listing the various people who are with him as he writes the epistle, and some of those who are addressed. In these lists Paul makes mention of some who are of "the circumcision" (Colossians 4:10-11), and are, therefore, Jews. Although it is not perfectly clear which men are referred to, they are presumably the previous three: Aristarchus, Mark and Jesus called Justus. Paul apparently does not include Tychicus and Onesimus, mentioned

before in verses 7-9, as being in the circumcision group.

Later in this same chapter, in verse 14, Paul refers to Luke, the beloved physician. The argument is made that, as Luke is not mentioned in the list of those of “the circumcision,” he therefore must not be a Jew. However, this is very slim evidence, indeed. In the above reference, Paul is speaking of his fellow workers in the preaching ministry. However, Luke was not ever described as being actively involved in the work of preaching, but was rather Paul’s personal physician and historian. It would not be appropriate to put Luke in the list with those who were active in the preaching ministry, regardless of background.

Thus, there are reasons other than background why Luke would not be included in the list of “the circumcision.” It is risky to build a concept on evidence which is so weak, and this is the strongest evidence in the Bible that those who believe Luke was a Gentile use to prove their point.

### **The Name and Profession Arguments**

Proponents have also argued that the name Luke (Lukas) is, in itself, evidence that he was a Gentile. However, the very names mentioned in Colossians 4 as being in “the circumcision” are Gentile names: Aristarchus, Marcus and Justus. Paul’s name itself is a Roman name, which he used throughout his ministry among the Gentiles, instead of his Hebrew name, Saul. In the same way Peter’s Hebrew name was Simon.

The fact of the matter is that most Jews who lived in the Diaspora used two names: one, a Jewish name, which was used in the synagogue, and the other, a Gentile name, which was used in business.

Others have actually claimed that Luke’s profession as a physician would be evidence that he was a Gentile. This would assume that there were no Jewish doctors in the Roman world. Such an idea is preposterous. Christ referred to physicians in Israel on several occasions: “Physician, heal thyself . . .” (Luke 4:23) and “They that are sick have need of a physician . . .” (Matthew 9:12). There is as much reason to believe that Jews were in the medical profession in ancient times as they are today.

Thus, none of the arguments supporting the idea that Luke was a Gentile are strong. It is helpful, then, to turn to the arguments that Luke was a Jew.

### **Arguments for Luke Being a Jew**

There are several arguments that support the idea that Luke was a Jew. As has already been stated, there are no specific statements as to the background of Dr. Luke. Therefore, the only way we can know anything about Luke’s background is from inferences in the Scriptures.

### **The Rule: Oracles Given to Jews**

After showing the sinful condition of the Jewish people, explaining how the Jews are just as much subject to sin as are the Gentiles, Paul asks the question, “What advantage has the Jew?” His answer was, “Much in every way, chiefly because that unto them were committed the oracles of God” (Romans 3:1-2). The



**Painting of “Saint Luke” by Master Theodoric (ca. 1360-1364).**

main advantage that Paul recognizes in the Jewish people was that when God gave revelation to the human race, He gave it to and through the Jews. He did not utilize the Gentile people for this purpose. This was the rule: that Jews were the vehicle for revelation. If Luke was an exception, the burden of proof is on those who would claim that he is an exception.

Thus, one has to prove conclusively that Luke was a Gentile before one should abandon the clear rule about the Jewish writing of Scripture. We must assume that Luke is a Jew unless the evidence is so overwhelming that we must conclude he is a Gentile. As we have seen above, the evidence from the lists in Colossians is so weak that it does not meet that criterion. Gentiles are blessed in many ways, especially during this Church Age, but God has never indicated that He has changed His rule of using only Jews to record His revelation.

### **Trophimus, Not Luke, the Cause of Paul’s Arrest**

Dr. Luke was a constant companion of the Apostle Paul from the time that he joined the missionary apostle when he sailed from Troas to Europe. Luke accompanied Paul on his fateful last return trip to Jerusalem, and was an eyewitness to the arrest of Paul in the Temple in Acts 21. The crowd was greatly agitated by the presence of Paul in the Temple, and charged him with bringing Gentiles into the Temple precincts. This was a crime punishable by death.

Luke explains that Paul never did bring any Gentiles into the Temple, but he was seen on the streets of Jerusalem with “Trophimus an Ephesian.” Apparently, Paul brought Trophimus with him to Jerusalem so that the apostles and the mother church there could see first hand the fruits of his labor among the Gentiles. Even though the charge was false, they were able to spread the rumor among the people, and cause a near riot against Paul on the Temple Mount, and for this reason he was arrested.

The point is that, when the Jewish people wanted to accuse Paul of bringing a Gentile into the Temple, they chose Trophimus. Why didn’t they choose Luke, who was actually with Paul, and was an eyewitness to these events?

If Luke were a Gentile, it would have been far easier, and far more believable, to accuse Paul of bringing Luke with him into the Temple, rather than Trophimus. The fact that Luke was not mentioned in the accusation is a strong indication that he was not a Gentile.

As Luke was not controversial when he traveled with Paul to Jerusalem and the Temple, our assumption must be that he was also a Jew. Thus, there was no mention of Luke as a problem when Paul was arrested.

### **Luke’s Intimate Knowledge of the Temple**

Another argument for the idea that Luke was a Jew is that he showed such an intimate knowledge of the Temple — more than any other of the Gospel writers. When he described the announcement to Zacharias concerning the birth of John the Baptist, Luke went into considerable detail to describe the rotating selection of the Levitical priests for service according to





**“St. Luke the Evangelist” (Kazan Cathedral, St. Petersburg),  
with his traditional symbol, the ox.**  
(<https://goodquestionblog.com>)

their families. He further described the position of the priest before the Altar of Incense, where the angel appeared to Zacharias (Luke 1:8-20).

The fact that Luke alone of the four Gospel writers gives this account, and he does so with such vivid detail, argues for his being a Jew, familiar with the Temple procedures. One could even speculate that Luke might have been a Levite as well, as he knew so much about how the Temple operated. Is it logical to assume, without question, that Luke was a Gentile, when he had such a clear understanding of the most intimate workings of the Temple, where no Gentile was allowed to go?

#### **Luke’s Intimate Acquaintance with Mary**

Yet another argument is the striking intimacy that Luke had with the mother of Jesus, Mary. He relates the story of the birth of Jesus primarily from Mary’s point of view, and then said that she hid these things “in her heart” (Luke 2:19,51). How did Luke, of all the Gospel writers, get so close to Mary that he was able to find out what she had hidden in her heart? As close-knit as the Jerusalem church was, and as difficult as it must have been for Gentiles to have gotten to the “inner circle” of the apostolic leadership, it seems highly unlikely that Luke could have gotten that close to Mary if he were a Gentile.

Actually, it appears that Luke might have served Mary for a time as her personal physician. This is speculation, but how else could he have had such a close relationship with her, so that he could draw from her the details she had hidden in her heart, and had discussed with few others?

My conclusion is, then, that we must infer that Luke was a Jew. The idea that he was a Gentile appears to be based on nothing more than wishful thinking and tradition. The biblical evidence strongly supports the position that Luke was a Jew, and we should always believe the Scriptures over tradition, when there is a conflict between the two. ✚

## **Study Materials**

# **Books About the Jews and Israel**

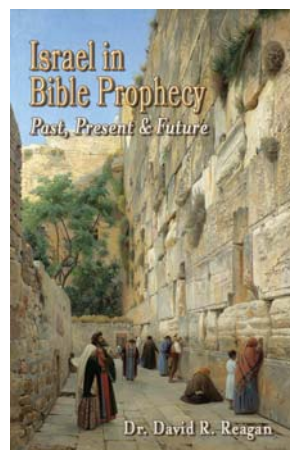
Dr. Reagan has written two books about the Jewish people. The first, published in 2014, is titled, *The Jewish People: Rejected or Beloved?* It focuses on two horrendous theologies that the Church has applied for centuries to the Jews.



The first is Replacement Theology. It argues that because the Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God washed His hands of them and has no further purpose for them. Further, it asserts that all the glorious promises which God made to the Jews have been transferred to the Church.

Dr. Reagan shows how this erroneous theology has served as the source of much anti-Semitism among Christians, leading up to the Holocaust — the blueprint for which was supplied by Martin Luther himself.

The second theology Dr. Reagan addresses in the book is called Dual Covenant Theology. It is the idea that the Jews do not need Jesus because they can be saved by following the rules of the Mosaic Covenant. As Dr. Reagan puts it, “This theology loves the Jews right into Hell.”



The second book, titled, *Israel in Bible Prophecy: Past, Present & Future* (2017), covers four end-time prophecies about the Jews that were fulfilled before the beginning of the 20th Century, seven that were fulfilled in whole or in part during the 20th Century, and seven yet to be fulfilled during the Tribulation.

All of end-time prophecy in both the Old and New Testaments focuses on the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. The consequence is that it is not possible to understand end-time prophecy apart from what it says about the Jews. Jesus Himself said He would not return to this earth until the Jewish people were willing to say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Matthew 23:39).

The Jewish People book runs 231 pages; the Israel in Prophecy book, 255 pages. Each sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. You can place your order at our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com), or you can call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. ✚

# Christian Americans Awoke to a New Year in a Different America

**Phillip Goodman**



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Many Christians awoke on January 1, 2021, to a new year and a new America they no longer recognized. The Coronavirus was still upon us as an ever-present pandemic, but there was something more — America's accelerating free fall into the dark side of biblical prophecies.

Then came January 6th. America hit a new low, as our own citizens stormed and trashed the Capital of our Democracy. We saw firsthand the meaning of the warning contained in James 3:5 — "... the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

## Looking Back

Borrowing from the *Prophecy Letter* we sent out September 30, 2020. here's what we wrote at that time:

- 1) Let's be Biblically-minded and prayerful when we vote on November 3rd.
- 2) And let us pray for our President (1 Timothy 2:1-12). For if he loses, it may be his own self-pride that causes it. Look what happened to Babylon's king Nebuchadnezzar in the days of Daniel. While walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, "The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'" (Daniel 4:30).
- 3) BUT WHAT IF we were to read it like this: "While walking on the portico of the White House in Washington DC, the President reflected and said, 'Is this not America the great, which I myself have established as its greatest-ever president by the might of my power and for the glory of my reputation?'"
- 4) We pray this is not the case, for here is the message God

had for king Nebuchadnezzar's bloated pridefulness: "While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you'" (Daniel 4:31).

## 5) PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT !

### After the Fact

After we sent out the above message, on September 30, within a week, the President had come down with Covid-19, and within five weeks, the November presidential election had removed the presidency from him. I'm not speaking about the legality, I'm speaking about the FACT — the presidency was removed from him.

I'm not a prophet, but "whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction" (Romans 15:4), and I can read. God prophesied that a bloated ego would cause the King of Babylon to crash (Daniel 4:19-27). Indeed a year after God gave that prophecy, while at the top of his game, Nebuchadnezzar crashed (Daniel 4:28-33; for God's Grace, see verses 34-37).

There are bloated-pride and fiery-tongues on all sides. The only righteous cure is to learn from God's Word "As Written" because "for our sake it was written" (1 Corinthians 9:10). Churches, ministries and individual Christians must lead the way — "As Written." Minds change only when hearts change. Jesus is the only One who changes hearts.

## The Meaning of "Cancel Culture"



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Now, back to January 1. Here's what many American Christians are alarmed about — a new wave of anti-America Americans fueled by an anti-God agenda, as revealed by the term "Cancel" — called "Cancel Culture." Here's what that term means in its increasing attacks on America:

- Cancel Culture is simply a label for "Cancel America."
- Cancel America is a tidier term for "Death to America."
- "Death to America" is linked to "Death to Israel" because America is Israel's best friend, and the counter-culture movement hates the Jews and Israel.
- "Death to Israel" is a substitute term for "Death to God" because the Jews are God's Chosen People, and it is easier to strike Israel than to strike God.
- "Death to God" is a generic term for "Death to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," because Satan knows there is only one true God.



- And so it goes — “Death to America” and “Death to America’s God.” That’s what “Cancel Culture” is all about.

This Cancel Culture demonic concept is spreading like putrid scum in a pond — from the highest halls of government to our very neighborhoods, fanned like embers in a whirlwind. It is wicked, and it is fast reaching the point of no return.

That’s why so many of us woke up on New Years Day to an America we no longer recognized. We woke up to the realization that our nation and our world is beginning to look like the Book of Revelation — chapters 6 to 18!

### Specific Forms of Cancel-Culture



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Cancel Culture has kinfolk-demons under its umbrella, such as the following:

- 1) “Cancel Gender” — So blatantly exalted that the prayer to open the New Congress on January 3rd ended with, “Amen, and AWOMEN” (the point being, as confessed by the blue side of the aisle, “We aim to be INCLUSIVE”). So much so that the House of Representatives has been instructed by the Speaker that no written bills will be accepted which contain such language as “he-she,” “son-father,” etc.

But Jesus said, “After this manner therefore pray.” He then delivered the Lord’s Prayer, and closed with “Amen.” Jesus also said that God created gender in the form of “male and female” (Mark 10:6). Is there someone else we should consult?

- 2) “Cancel Marriage & Family” — So proudly displayed by the newly appointed Secretary of Transportation, Biden’s Cabinet member, Pete Buttigieg, when he publicly flaunted his homosexuality by kissing lip-to-lip his “husband” — thus shamelessly flouting his “love” and “broad-mindedness” as a “progressive” pioneer of Sodomites in the White House.

Jesus led Paul the Apostle to write, “men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts” (Romans 1:27). Are these words of Jesus no longer relevant as we have “progressed” into this “progressive” 21st century?

- 3) “Cancel Law & Order” — So violently displayed with open attacks on law and order, rebellion against police and calls for de-funding them — thus opening our cities to riots and killing.

But Jesus led Paul to write, “Let every person be in subjec-

tion to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God . . . for it [government] is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil . . .” (Romans 13:1-4). Incidentally, it is entirely possible to fund police-protection while excluding police-brutality.

- 4) “Cancel Life” — so horribly manifested in the operation of our abortion-killing-factories, whose deaths far exceed those of the Coronavirus. (The latest one-year U.S. numbers: Covid-19 deaths total 540,503, whereas aborted baby deaths in 2020 totaled more than 800,000.)

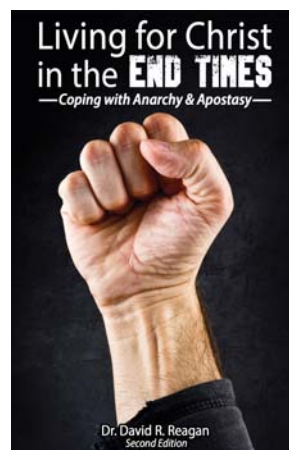
This “Cancel-America,” “Erase-America” from history and “Scrub-America” of its principals embedded in its foundational documents, is the America many of us no longer recognize.

At the same time, on January 1st, we woke up to the New Year surrounded by events we DO recognize, such as the rapid appearance and growth of the “Signs of the End-Times.” Bible-believing Christians recognize these signs from the prophecies contained in God’s Word.

For just one example, there is the prophetic sign of the increasing importance of the “kings of the east” (Revelation 9 & 16). As the New Year dawned we could perceive a fading America confronted by a rising China determined to replace us as the world’s super-power.

This meteoric rise of End-Time Signs reminds us that Jesus “is near, even at the door” (Matthew 24:33). And this reminds us that there remains before us “an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison” (2 Corinthians 4:17). There will be another kind of New Year’s Day — when we will awake to the Lord’s glorious millennial reign! ✚

## A Prophetic Book About America’s Cultural Divide



This book was written by Dr. Reagan in 1999 and published in 2000. At that time, the publisher refused to give it the sub-title that the current 2015 second edition has: “Coping with Anarchy & Apostasy.” Dr. Reagan was told that his proposed subtitle was just too radical. So, when the second edition was published, the decision was made to take the book from the publisher and publish it ourselves. No one today considers the subtitle to be radical!

The book focuses on what Dr. Reagan considered would be the two greatest challenges facing Christians in the new century — the rapid disintegration of society and the growing apostasy in the Church.

The book runs 323 pages and sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. Call 972-736-3567, M-F, 8a-5p CT. ✚

# **The Purge**

**Jan Markell**



**Dr. Reagan with Jan Markell in 2014.**

**T**he road ahead in America will be the greatest challenge ever for people of faith. The Godless Left is now in charge of our country: White House, House and Senate. And these secularists are urging all leaders to stick it to people of faith — to take away every aspect of religious freedom.

In their sights are churches, ministries and individuals who refuse to see government as god.

In May of 2017 in the Rose Garden, President Trump used his executive pen to ensure Christians and other people of faith don't have to check their beliefs when entering the halls of government. He also prevented the federal government from going after pastors and other leaders who speak about political issues from a moral perspective.

Four years of this environment was too much for secularists to tolerate. The Left wants people of faith to be targeted, bullied, and silenced.

So, new on the scene to counter Christians is the organization called, "Secular Democrats of America." They see Christians as a "Christian nationalist movement" giving cover for "white supremacy." They insist that rather than faith, Americans should employ reason, science and evidence — and disentangle government policy from the influence of sectarian religious interests that have become dangerously entrenched at all levels of government.



This outfit has a 28-page document urging the Biden Administration to strip First Amendment rights from Christians who advocate for traditional biblical positions on the sanctity of life,

marriage, education and the family.

It encourages the purging of social conservatives from all levels of government. Christians are deemed "enemies of the state." The document encourages that Christians be ostracized from society. A few extremists encourage sending Christians to re-education camps.

This is today's "Progressive," yet some Christian leaders discouraged believers from even voting in the 2020 election, including Dr. John Piper, renowned Minneapolis pastor. They were offended by the character of President Trump, but are okay with this new assault on every person who has faith.

Beth Moore called Trumpism "dangerous to the saints of God." Really?? And today's Progressive movement is not? Are you folks deluded?

Let's go back to 2016 when Hillary Clinton stated that people with "deep-seated religious and cultural beliefs, cultural codes and structural biases have to be changed." She was not challenged by anyone on the left. Do you think that a Chinese-supporting Biden Administration won't welcome this challenge?

Yes, "elections have consequences," but that worn out phrase is hardly a comfort. Yes, the Bible calls the last days "perilous" (1 Timothy 3:1). Yes, Romans 1:28 is the prevailing mentality of the last days — a "depraved" or "reprobate" mindset. We just want that shining city on a hill back.

Reality check: That is very likely not going to happen ever again! What's coming is the "New World Order."

But Christians are still called to be salt and light and to delay the decay no matter how much we are persecuted!



God has spent all of 2020 reminding us that this world is not our home. We are only briefly passing through. Why would anyone want to cling to this?

A new day is coming. A new world is coming. Very, very soon. ✚

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# Let Us Not Lose Heart!

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While we mourn the demise of our once great republic that is now controlled by a Socialist Democrat party, we must not lose heart. As children of God, we know that all wisdom and power belong to our Sovereign Lord and it is He who removes kings and establishes kings (Daniel 2:21).

Perhaps God's patience towards America has ended and His abundant blessings will now be replaced with His righteous judgment. We know God is slow to anger, but America has presumed on the riches of His kindness and patience for too long.

## **Does America Deserve Divine Judgment?**

America has become a moral cesspool that is overflowing with ungodliness, unrighteousness and wickedness. Our government has given women the right to murder their babies in the womb, and as a result, tens of millions of human beings have been killed in abortion clinics.

Sexual perversions of all types are defiantly flaunted and widely accepted. God's unique design for marriage was overturned in a landmark decision by the Supreme Court in 2013. Our country has also become the largest supplier of pornography throughout the world.

These are all symptoms of a greater evil which is the sin of idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Our nation has turned its back on the one true God by worshipping gods of all the false religions (Exodus 20:3). As a nation, we should no longer ask for God's blessings but instead expect His judgment. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18).

## **The Fallout of a Godless Nation**

In the last three months, our nation has lurched to the left and has been overwhelmed with widespread corruption, blatant hypocrisy, insidious propaganda, flagrant fraud and evil deeds of darkness. The rapidity of all these wicked activities has been like a tsunami hitting our coastline and wreaking havoc throughout

our country.

Free speech is being silenced, culture is being cancelled, truth is being suppressed, and lawlessness is replacing justice. Demands are now being made to deprogram conservatives. America has become a nation where hostility has replaced tolerance, pessimism has replaced optimism and hatred has replaced acceptance.

How can it be that a career politician supported by Chinese communists, who had difficulty finishing a sentence and drawing a crowd, could "miraculously" receive 80 million votes, more than any politician in our history? This pompous hypocrite then swore an oath, with his hand on a Bible, while defiantly opposing God and His Word on the right to life and the sanctity of marriage.

## **What Are Christians To Do?**

We need to realize the goal of the wicked left is to eliminate our Christian influence and silence our moral voices. More than

ever, we need to speak the truth, live by the truth and defend the truth. We cannot be silent or apathetic.

While it is concerning that our republic may be perishing, much more concerning is the reality that people are perishing without the Savior. Let us make it a priority to point people to our Blessed Hope who offers us the greatest gift we could ever receive and a peace that surpasses all understanding.

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9).

Remember, God uses trials to test our faith. Each test we pass brings glory to God and strengthens our faith. We need to be prepared to endure growing hostility and persecution, because "...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12).

## **A Biblical Reminder**

Remember, we are only passing through on our way to our heavenly home where righteousness dwells. "Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). ✚

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# Countering the Cancel Culture

**Colonel Tim Moore**  
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America's wayward society has seen the rise of yet another threat to Christian conviction in recent years — the Cancel Culture Movement. Its rabid inclination to shut down anyone who disagrees with the shifting ideology of the day (or hour) leads to hateful denunciation, economic pressure and outright ostracization.

This pattern has become obvious on social media but has also morphed into shamelessly publicized agendas to shut down anyone who runs afoul of a leftist world-view. Liberal campuses that once

championed free speech are now radically denouncing this First Amendment right. Even more concerning is the growing clamp-down on Judeo-Christian values by monopolistic Big Tech, major media and government officials.

## **Nothing New Under the Sun**

This development has been shocking to Americans who are used to living in a free society open to a marketplace of ideas. The adage, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," has given way to a demand never to be offended. This all-out attack on Truth is really a rerun of a very old theme.

When the apostles began to preach the gospel, Jewish authorities and Roman overlords alike endeavored to shut them down. Jewish rulers and elders first called Peter and John before their Council and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. The apostles answered them saying, "whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:18-20).

The High Priest and the Sadducees then threw the apostles in jail, hoping to snuff out their message through incarceration. But an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison and sent them out to keep sharing the gospel. They were rearrested and hauled before the Council again. The High Priest repeated his command not to teach in the name of Jesus. Peter captured the sentiment of his fellow disciples when he replied, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:27-29). Dismayed by the apostles' confident display of strength, the Sanhedrin flogged them, ordered them once again not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them.

The Bible demonstrates that throughout the early Church Age there were people who wanted to silence Christians, even to

the point of killing them to shut them up. Stephen first experienced the murderous outrage of elites unwilling to hear his message of truth. Cut to the heart by his testimony, they lashed out and stoned him — cancelling his voice altogether.

## **Dark Age Persecution**

Ironically, Christianity has always been counter-cultural. Christian love and mercy were strange ideas to the Romans and to Jewish leaders. Christian affirmation of God's uncompromising holiness and sacrificial love was a radical idea that turned the ancient world upside down.

The Roman Empire initially tolerated Christianity as merely one of the religions observed by conquered peoples. But they began to crack skulls when they realized that Christians would not honor Roman emperors as gods.

The Romans went to great lengths to eradicate Christianity. Under Nero, Christians were used as torches lighting up Caesar's gardens. They were thrown to hungry lions and cut down by gladiators in the arenas — to the cheers of bloodthirsty mobs. Talk about an extreme case of living in a cancel-culture!

## **Ominous Signs Arising**



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In recent centuries, we have witnessed a unique episode of human history — a long period when Christianity was the dominant faith throughout Western society and persecution was largely limited to dark corners of the globe.

What is unprecedented now is the widespread Christian persecution throughout the formerly Christian West. The cultural elites have declared open season on Christianity and Christians. Why? Because anyone who stands on the Word of God cannot endorse the immorality our society is rapidly embracing.

Christians are the butt of jokes and are ridiculed throughout the media. They are kicked off social media platforms or ghosted or doxed. Bible-based beliefs are declared unworthy of mainstream consideration. And pressure is mounting on ministries like Lamb & Lion to tone down our Gospel and prophetic content — something we will not do.

We could argue (and we do) that such perils are still very mild compared to the terrible persecution Christian brothers and sisters are enduring in places like Nigeria and North Korea and any place where Islam has cast its dark shadow. But the threat is rising — and the majority of Americans are taking their cues



from a depraved culture that no longer even tolerates Christian faith.

### **Wake Up — Display Strength and Take Action!**

The writer of Hebrews wrote these emboldening words: “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Then, in verse 4, the author makes this observation, “You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.” He’s not suggesting that we shed other people’s blood and so incur legitimate prosecution. Instead, he’s putting our sense of persecution in perspective. Even now, how many Christians in this country have been persecuted, imprisoned, beaten, and endured violence to the point that our own blood is shed?

Some Christians have indeed been fined and jailed for their faith, and there will certainly be many more in the years ahead. Attempts will grow to ostracize and silence Christians, rob them of their livelihood, and shut down our churches. I absolutely believe the open, violent persecution of Christians will inevitably happen in this country.

So, the question left to us is: What are you prepared to endure for the cause of Christ?

Daniel said that when the Antichrist spews wickedness in the end days, “the people who know their God will display strength and take action” (Daniel 11:32). The spirit of antichrist is already here (1 John 4:3). For too long Christians have been like the proverbial frog in a pot — complacently idle as the temperature rises. Now that the water is almost boiling, we can no longer tolerate the rise of ungodliness — in our homes, our churches, or our society. We all need to wake up and contend earnestly for the faith! (Revelation 3:1-3 and Jude 1:3).



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### **Affirmation and Encouragement**

I pray that each of you will resolve to display strength and take action. Prepare your heart for whatever the Lord has in store for us. As Paul said, “put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand” (Ephesians 6:13). Then regardless of how the world mistreats us we can rejoice, as the apostles did, that we are considered worthy to suffer for His name.

Godspeed! ✚

## **Societal Chaos**

# **Jesus was a leftist?**

**Robin Schumacher**



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I enjoy talking politics about as much as I enjoy licking an ash-tray, which is to say I avoid it at all costs. Occasionally, however, something is said to you as a Christian that mixes politics with theology and you have no choice but to engage.

Such was the case when I was conversing with someone a while back who suddenly said to me that Jesus was a leftist. They went on to try and defend their position by saying Jesus was a rebel, a fighter for the common person, and someone who bucked the system.

While there’s no doubt Christ embraced those who were outcasts in His ancient near-eastern culture and spoke strongly against the hypocritical religious framework constructed by the Jewish elite, equating those things with historical and current leftism is, how shall I put this, nuts.

Let’s look at just a few of the bare-boned differences between Jesus and the left, and why Scripture said prophetically (and just a little bit amusingly) thousands of years ago, “The foolish person’s heart directs him toward the left” (Ecc. 10:2).

### **1 Jesus honored God; the left hates God**

I doubt that I have to provide evidence for the truth claim that Jesus taught everyone to revere, honor, fear and put God first in their life. If evidence is required, a quick read of what is normally called the Lord’s prayer should do the trick.

The position on God taken by atheist leaders of the historic left is diametrically opposed to Christ’s. Perusing Karl Marx’s feelings on Christianity or reading Denis Diderot’s statement, “Men will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest” are just tip-of-the-iceberg examples of a movement that despises God and His authority.

### **2 Jesus esteemed Scripture; the left mocks the Bible**

Jesus embraced and elevated Scripture. All Scripture. Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35), that it is divinely authoritative (Matthew 4:1-10), imperishable (Matthew 24:35) and historically accurate (Matthew 24:37-39).

The left’s opinion of the Bible is much different. One of the left’s godfathers, Voltaire, and his lover (Émilie du Châtelet), concluded their formal examination of the Bible by saying it was “nonsense.” They called Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount “trite, ridiculous, absurd” and His resurrection “comedy.”

You won’t get much better from today’s leftists; the only verse they have committed to memory (and fail to fully understand) is: “Do not judge” (Matthew 7:1).

### 3 Jesus embraced truth; the left embraces post-truth

Being “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14), Jesus is Truth in His essence (John 14:6) and came to “testify to the truth” (John 18:37) asking His Father to “Sanctify [us] in the truth; Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

In stark contrast, the left practices the philosophy of post-truth. Post-truth adherents view facts as irrelevant or less important than individual beliefs, opinions, political agendas, social causes and emotional appeals when it comes to considering a truth claim. For them, this becomes easy once God and the idea of any transcendent, absolute truth is kicked to the curb.

### 4 Jesus prescribed peace; the left prescribes violence

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God” (Matt. 5:9), said Jesus. The Prince of peace (Is. 9:6) never directed His disciples to act violently towards those who disagreed with His teachings.<sup>1</sup>

But the left is a movement born out of violence; it is stamped into their DNA and historically verifiable with stark examples like the French revolution, which Ann Coulter describes with dark humor as “come for the beheadings, stay for the rapes.” A more current illustration is last year’s violent riots that occurred in the U.S., carried out by the left, which resulted, according to the Insurance Information Institute, in “catastrophic levels of damage” and became the costliest in American history.

### 5 Jesus practiced loving enemies and forgiveness; the left hates and never forgives

“Then Peter came up and said to Him, ‘Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I still forgive him? Up to seven times?’” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22). Because God forgives us in the extreme, Christ commanded the same for us when it comes to others, even saying “love your enemies” (Matthew 5:44) and telling us not to cast stones at others unless we’re without sin ourselves (John 8:7).

Not so with the left. The left hates their enemies (see their recent rejoicing over the death of Rush Limbaugh) and will search furiously, going back multiple decades in the past if they have to, for any perceived infraction of their code. If one is found, they reach for their cancel culture pile of stones and demand permanent, public blood in the form of loss of reputation, job, business, etc. No one is safe from their universal solvent of hate and unforgiveness, which they will quickly pour on even their own should some poor leftist soul say or do the wrong thing.

### 6 Jesus is virtuous; the left pretends virtue

“Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no guilt in this man’” (Luke 23:4). No matter how hard His enemies tried to smear Him, Jesus remained the epitome of virtue and was blameless, having fully practiced what He preached.

“There is no difference between communism and socialism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism—by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.” Ayn Rand



But the left? While the leftist social justice warriors work themselves into a frenzy trying to appear more virtuous than each other, they prove themselves to be hypocritical and mirror the type of person Jesus referred to as a “whitewashed tomb” (Matthew 23:27). Psychiatrist M. Scott Peck describes their behavior this way: “Their ‘goodness’ is on a level of pretense. It is, in effect, a lie. This is why they are the ‘people of the lie.’”<sup>2</sup>

### 7 Jesus taught servanthood; the left aspires to power

Jesus said, “The greatest of you shall be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). Not only did Jesus teach servanthood, but He modeled it constantly throughout His life on earth, saying “I am among you as the one who serves.” (Luke 22:27).

The left has no interest in serving, but rather in being served as those who are in power. This, again, comes naturally from their origins. The French Revolution of 1789, for example, pursued absolute power and a secularism that included a mob-driven and forceful de-Christianization campaign.

#### So, is Jesus a conservative?

Although plenty of other contrasts can be made, we can clearly see that Jesus is no leftist. But is He instead a conservative; a person on the right?

No, He’s not, and here’s why.

We need to remember that Jesus is God, and as such is transcendent over His creation. He warns us not to make the mistake of confusing us with Him when He says, “You thought that I was just like you” (Psalm 50:21).

Jesus is neither left nor right wing because He resides in a holy class by Himself. Given that truth, it appears that the best thing to do, where Christ is concerned, is to stop trying to make Him part of us and instead be much more focused on having Jesus make us one of His. ✚

#### Reference notes:

1) When Jesus said, “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34), it was not a message of condoning violence, but rather an admission of the reality that the gospel message sometimes brings to families in the form of division.

2) M. Scott Peck, *People of the Lie* (Touchstone, 1998), pg. 75.

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# Why Did Trump Lose?

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

The number one question we have received since the Presidential election is this:

“Genesis 12 promises that God will bless those who bless Israel, and He will curse those who curse Israel. No President in our history has been more pro-Israel than President Trump. Why then, did he lose?”

It’s a good question, and I’m sure that there are a variety of reasons. Let me share three with you that I think were vitally important.



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**1** The first is the rapidly increasing secularization and paganization of our nation. I pointed this out repeatedly after the 2016 election when Trump won the presidency. I emphasized that his win was no portent of the future; instead it was a temporary window of grace. I pointed to four reasons for this belief:

- 1) After eight years of the most ungodly Administration in America history, President Obama ended his reign with a 60% approval rating.
- 2) The future of our nation — the Millennials — overwhelmingly supported a Socialist for the Democratic nomination for President, and when he failed to get the nomination, they gave their support to Obama’s designated heir, Hillary Clinton.
- 3) Clinton received 3 million more votes than Trump. And this trend continued with the 2020 election in which Biden received 7 million more votes than Trump.
- 4) Polls at the time showed that only 9% of Americans had a biblical worldview, and even worse, only 17% of professing Christians had a biblical worldview.

In short, these four brutal facts made it clear that our nation had jettisoned its Judeo-Christian heritage — the very heritage that it had been founded upon and which had made it great.

**2** The second reason I would point to that was responsible for Trump’s defeat is his monumental ego. Before the election, I warned repeatedly that although President Trump’s policies



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were in accordance with Judeo-Christian principles and should be applauded and supported, his constant bragging about his wealth, his wisdom and his greatness constituted a danger to himself and the nation because God hates pride with a passion. Consider the following scriptures:

Proverbs 16:5 — “Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD . . .”

Isaiah 2:12 — “For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased.”

Jeremiah 9:23 — “Thus says the LORD, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches . . .’”

Proverbs 16:18 — “Pride goes before destruction . . .”

Proverbs 26:12 — “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

These are awesome and sobering warnings, and they are only a few of the many warnings in the Scriptures against pride. Again, God hates pride. We cannot expect Him to bless the prideful person.

Incidentally, this principle applies equally to prayer. God promises to hear and answer prayers, but He can be unresponsive if those praying have unrepentant sin in their lives.

**3** A third reason for Trump’s loss is that one of the remedial judgments God will place on a rebellious nation like ours is to give the nation the kind of leader its people deserve, and Joe Biden is the type of ungodly leader that we deserve.

Our nation worships money and is wallowing in hedonism. Our focus is on the dollar and sex. And God is turning us over to a leader who will destroy our economy and do everything in his power to promote the Sexual Perversion Movement.

We as Christians are facing increasing persecution. The Church is trying to avoid it by getting in bed with the world. True Christians will have to face it and stand for righteousness — and that means we will have to lean on the Lord as never before. ✚

*“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great . . .” (Matthew 5:11-12)*

# Stupidocrisy: Historic Erasure

Bill Wilson



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This week [late January, 2021] the Stupidocrisy acknowledgment goes to the San Francisco School Board for “cancelling” the Founding Fathers and other historical figures as names of various district schools for being white supremacists, racists and other references to American history.

Many of the names — which include Abraham Lincoln, Paul Revere, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and others — were removed because of the board’s “perception” rather than historical

fact. For example, board members admitted they didn’t know if Roosevelt Middle School was named after Theodore or Franklin Delano, so to be safe they just voted to remove the name. And Abraham Lincoln — well, he just didn’t do enough for Native Americans.

The School Board took the eraser to historic figures, but didn’t consider the history. As *Forbes* reports, “Paul Revere’s name is being banished because he was a commander in the Penobscot Expedition of 1779, which supposedly “is directly connected to the colonization of the Penobscot [Indians].” On the contrary, the Penobscot Expedition was a disastrously failed military assault on a British Fort in what is now Maine.

George Washington owned slaves, so he got cancelled. Lincoln was erased because the Board falsely concluded that Lincoln was behind the execution of 38 Dakota Indians for their atrocities in the US-Dakota War. Lincoln was not responsible for their executions AND he actually commuted the death sentences of the vast majority of Dakota Indians because they didn’t get fair trials.

Even references to Thanksgiving were banned because of the patently false revisionist narrative that the Pilgrims massacred Indians, stole their food and drove them off their land.

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) got cancelled because the Board can’t have a school named after a Senator who in 1984 replaced a vandalized Confederate flag that was part of an historic display at San Francisco City Hall. According to the Board, Feinstein must be punished for cultural incompetency.

This Board’s level of incompetence is extraordinary when one considers that these Board members are responsible for implementing the policies and philosophies of how children in San Francisco are educated. Their example to academia demon-



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strates the height of stupidity and hypocrisy — stupidocrisy.

But it is even worse. This is how an entire nation has been moved away from the Godly values and common sense to the ignorance, academic laziness and ideological bigotry we are seeing every day in this nation.

I was once told by a civil rights activist that to end racism, the history of American society must be deconstructed and banished. The problem with this wrong-mindedness is that *if we do not know who we are and where we came from, we are destined to repeat the same mistakes of the past and unable to perfect the successes for the future.* It leads to tyranny and despotism.

Truly, the past is prologue, and no matter how bad or good, we need to know it. Proverbs 24:16 says, “For a just man falls seven times, and rises up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.” And that is the fate of those practicing stupidocrisy — like the SF School Board. ✚

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# Unmasking the Great Reset

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What is the Great Reset? And, what will it mean to you? Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic came in 2020 and spread across the world, leaving death and draconian restrictions in its wake, weary people have been looking forward to the end of it. Governments and world leaders point to this ending as a new beginning, calling this coming new chapter in history, “The Great Reset.” What exactly is involved in the Great Reset and what will it mean for the world?

To shed some light on these questions, I turned to Jan Markell, founder of Olive Tree Ministries and the host of the “Understanding the Times” radio program at [olivetreeviews.org](http://olivetreeviews.org). Jan is an expert commentator who has used her radio program to reveal what the Great Reset is all about.

## Leaders of the Great Reset

**Nathan Jones:** Jan, the Great Reset seems to be a topic people are hearing about quite often lately. My initial thought was this had something to do with resetting our TVs in preparation for another lockdown-induced Netflix binge. Since that’s not true, could you please explain why the Great Reset is much more diabolical than just resetting one’s television? After all, the implications of the Great Reset are huge, correct?

**Jan Markell:** Oh, it is huge! It’s the event of the hour. The Great Reset goes by other names. Perhaps you’ve heard of Agenda 21, Agenda 2030 and even the Green New Deal? These are all part of the Great Reset.

This agenda was established by the World Economic Forum. It’s been around for about 50 years. Klaus Schwab is the head of it. The World Economic Forum represents the ultimate globalist outfit. Just go to their website at [weforum.org](http://weforum.org) in order to read their plans, which are stunning. Just simply stunning! They espouse global Socialism and a centralized global government. And, it is a godless form of global government, for there isn’t one among them who would be a believer in anything but big government, Socialism and even Communism.

Before the World Economic Forum could really make any progress, they had to get one person out of the way — President Donald Trump. That’s because Trump publicly stated his adherence to nationalism and his disinterest in globalism.

The leaders of this movement are many: Klaus Schwab, Prince Charles, Bill Gates, George Soros, Dr. Anthony Fauci and probably another two dozen world leaders. They are all involved in planning and implementing a very, very dark agenda.

## Agenda of the Great Reset

**Nathan Jones:** What’s the end goal for this dark agenda?

**Jan Markell:** Creating a one-world system. A godless, global government is what they seek. The Bible prophesies this very end-times system in Revelation 13. It’s the Antichrist’s global empire ultimately ruled by Satan himself.

But before the globalists can implement this one-world system, they have to get rid of certain obstacles, particularly any governmental officials who love their country. You can’t love your country; rather, you’ve got to love the world. You’ve got to be willing to almost sell your soul to this global cabal. And, that’s what those who support the Great Reset are — a global cabal. When you see the word “cabal,” understand that’s evil rising to power.

**Nathan Jones:** Jan, you have listed from their website some of what they are trying to accomplish. They wish to eliminate national sovereignty and independence. They plan on destroying and replacing the free enterprise economic system, which means eliminating private property. We’re all supposed “to own nothing, yet still be happy.” They long to abolish Christianity. They’re hastening the move towards a cashless society and establishing a universal income.

## The Church and the Great Reset

**Nathan Jones:** One quote on the Forum’s website reads: “Everyone will be equal. Everyone will be secure from the ravages of competition. And as a result, the whole world will be happy and be at peace.” Jan, are they actually going to

be able to achieve something as seemingly impossible as what they’re proposing?

**Jan Markell:** Yes, in a sense they are, but in the end, it won’t work. I believe that the seven-year Tribulation as prophesied in the Bible will be the result of the Great Reset.

Note that before all of this can actually happen, something else has to happen first. The Church needs to disappear. I believe that the Great Reset for the Christian is the Rapture of the Church. That glorious event is our reset. But, for the world that’s left behind, I believe it is going to go through an earthly reset, which is the Great Tribulation.

Revelation prophesies how masses of humanity will be wiped out, living in such a catastrophic time. At the end of those seven years, Jesus Christ and the Church will come back at the Second Coming, for if Christ did not return at that time, no flesh would be saved.

God’s judgment in the Tribulation is what these people advocating for the Great Reset are truly heading towards. Do they know it will end in the death of billions? I don’t know because I don’t hang out with Klaus Schwab and Prince Charles.

**Nathan Jones:** Amen! For those who are worried about this Great Reset, first ask yourself, “Where do my loyalties lie?” Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior so that you know that you will participate in the Rapture of the Church? Or, will you remain in rebellion against God and so see the Great Reset come about and thereby endure the Tribulation? The choice is yours. Go to the Bible, read John 3:16, take that verse to heart, and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior this day. ✚



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## A Titanic Book!

Dr. David R. Reagan



Warren Smith on the Christ in Prophecy TV set in 2012.

Warren Smith's latest book, *The Titanic and Today's Church*, is absolutely fascinating, challenging and sobering in its analysis of the pitiful condition of today's end-time Church. I have not read such a captivating book in years.

The author is an expert on the New Age Movement. In fact, he was a New Age practitioner when he found Jesus and accepted Him as his Lord and Savior. Since that time, he has served as a watchman on the wall, doing everything he can to alert the Church to its infiltration by the unbiblical but highly alluring doctrines of the New Age Movement.

In this book, he tantalizes the reader by cleverly comparing the fate of the Titanic to the destruction that today's Church is headed for. In the process, he reveals fascinating details about the Titanic and then utilizes them to present eye-opening parallels with today's Church. As the sub-title of the book puts it, "A Tale of Two Shipwrecks."

He sums up the thesis of the book in this sentence: "It is the contention of this book that much of what calls itself today's Church has become a shipwreck in progress as it inexorably heads toward total deception and complete disaster" (page 11).

He clearly proves through numerous quotes that many Church leaders today have bought into the fundamental New Age concept of "God within us." They often express it as "God's Dream of Oneness" — the "Oneness" being "the shared universal divinity of all mankind" (page 103). Warren's response is that "God doesn't dream, daydream or pipedream when it comes to the future. God already knows the future and what it holds" (page 84).

Besides the totally unbiblical idea of God residing in all people, Warren points out that the "Dream" of many of the Church's leaders today is for a great end-time revival. Warren's response is that "the Bible describes a great last-days deception, not a great last-days revival" (page 125). To which I would

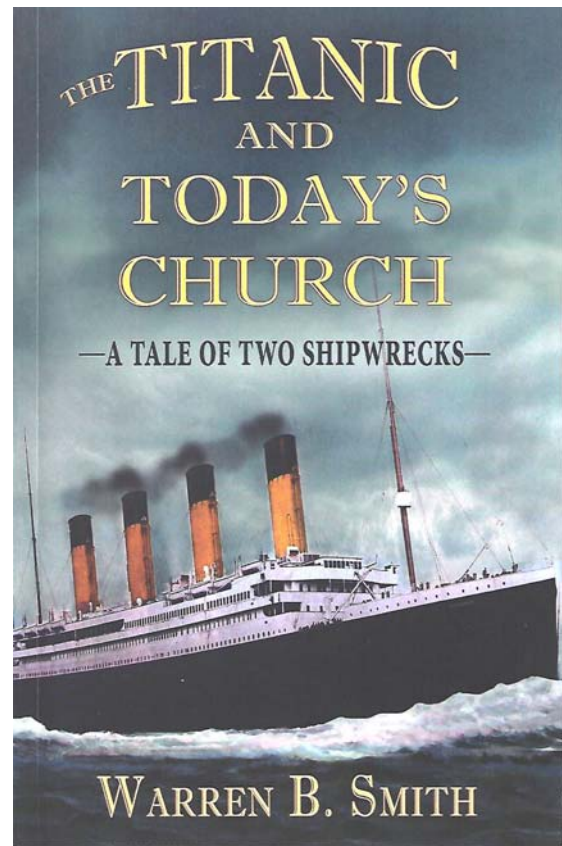
heartily agree.

Warren expresses his frustration over the unwillingness of today's Christian leaders to heed the warning of spiritual watchmen, just as the Titanic's captain ignored the dire warnings that were communicated to him about icebergs in the vicinity of his ship (page 144):

If you try to "sound the alarm" . . . you are an "alarmist." If you critique false teachers . . . you have a "critical spirit." If you expose heresy . . . you are a "heresy hunter." If you "rightly divide the Word of God . . . and mark them that cause division . . . you are "divisive." If you warn about latter-day deception and the Antichrist . . . you are a "doomsday deceiver."

So, the Church sails along, and like the Titanic, It is headed toward disaster. Warren sums it up as follows: "As we learned from the Titanic, our safety, strength, refuge and strong confidence come not from big men, big ships and big churches that can ultimately founder and sink, but through our reverential fear of the Lord and His Holy Word" (page 132).

When I finished this book, I wrote these words on the title page: "An absolutely fantastic, blockbuster book!" What more can I say? ♦

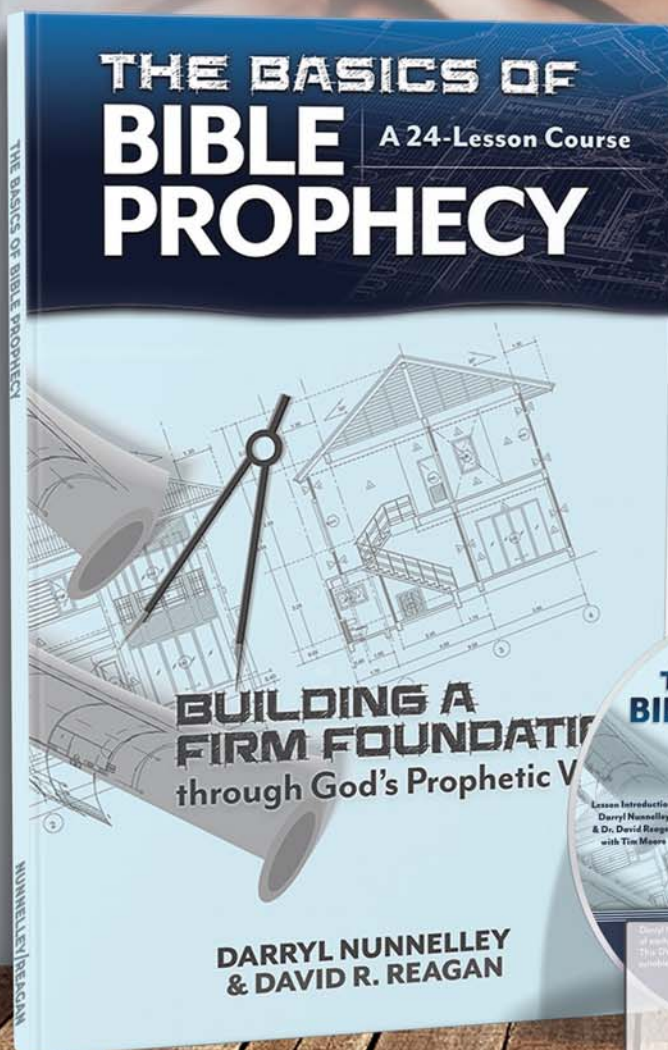


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# Ministry News

## Schedule for 2021 —

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

### May:

Zoom Conference on the 7th with high school students at Grace Christian College in the Philippines – Reagan.

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

Mid-America Prophecy Conference in Tulsa, OK, on the 28th & 29th, sponsored by Phillip Goodman's ministry, "Bible Prophecy As Written" – Reagan and other speakers.

### June:

"Footsteps of Jesus" Holy Land Pilgrimage led by Colonel Tim Moore from June 26 thru July 7.

### July:

Lamb & Lion Annual Conference in Allen, TX, on the 17th with Reagan, Moore, Jones and other speakers.

## Missions —

We continue to provide support every month to the ministry of Standfast Oyinnu in Nigeria. He provides food, clothing, shelter, health care and job training for over 150 Christian refugees who have fled northern Nigeria due to Muslim violence. They live daily under the threat of attack by the Muslim terrorist group called Boko Haram. We need your continuing support for this great man of God and the work he is doing.



This picture shows the distribution of clothing to Christian refugees in Nigeria.

## Virtual Conference —

Our second virtual conference, held on March 20th, was well attended by people from all across the United States and around the world. The theme was "Unshakeable: Exercising Tough Faith in Tough Times." A video of the conference, including the three presentations plus the one hour question and answer session is available on DVD. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. The presentations:

- Nathan Jones – "The Tough Faith of Habakkuk"
- Tim Moore – "The Tough Faith of Paul"
- Dave Reagan – "The Tough Faith of Isaiah & Jeremiah"

## The Transition —

The plans for the transition in the leadership of this ministry continue to move along smoothly, for which we praise the Lord.



Dave and Tim relaxing at the Marriott convention center in Allen, TX, where our annual conference will be held in July.

Colonel Tim Moore will take over as the President and Senior Evangelist of the ministry on June 1st. Dr. Reagan will move his office to his home and focus on writing books and magazine articles. Dr. Reagan will not be accepting any more speaking engagements except at his home church. All speaking invitations should be directed to Colonel Moore or to our Internet Evangelist, Nathan Jones. Please pray for Colonel Moore as he takes over the leadership of the ministry.

## Israel Pilgrimages —

We have a full group of over 50 who are scheduled to depart for Israel in late June with Colonel Tim Moore. At this point in time, it is not clear whether or not Israel will be open to pilgrims by then. If not, then the group will be rescheduled for the Fall. And if the group is able to enter Israel, we will then probably schedule another pilgrimage for the Fall. So, stay tuned! You can check our website or call our office for updates on our plans for Israel pilgrimages.

## Memory Lane —

Looking back on 41 years of ministry, Dr. Reagan has memories of many wonderful moments, one of which is when he was ordained in 2016 as an honorary Messianic Rabbi by the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America. The ordination ceremony occurred at the MJAA's annual conference held at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The ceremony is pictured below. Dr. Reagan was the keynote speaker at the conference, and his ordination was a complete surprise!





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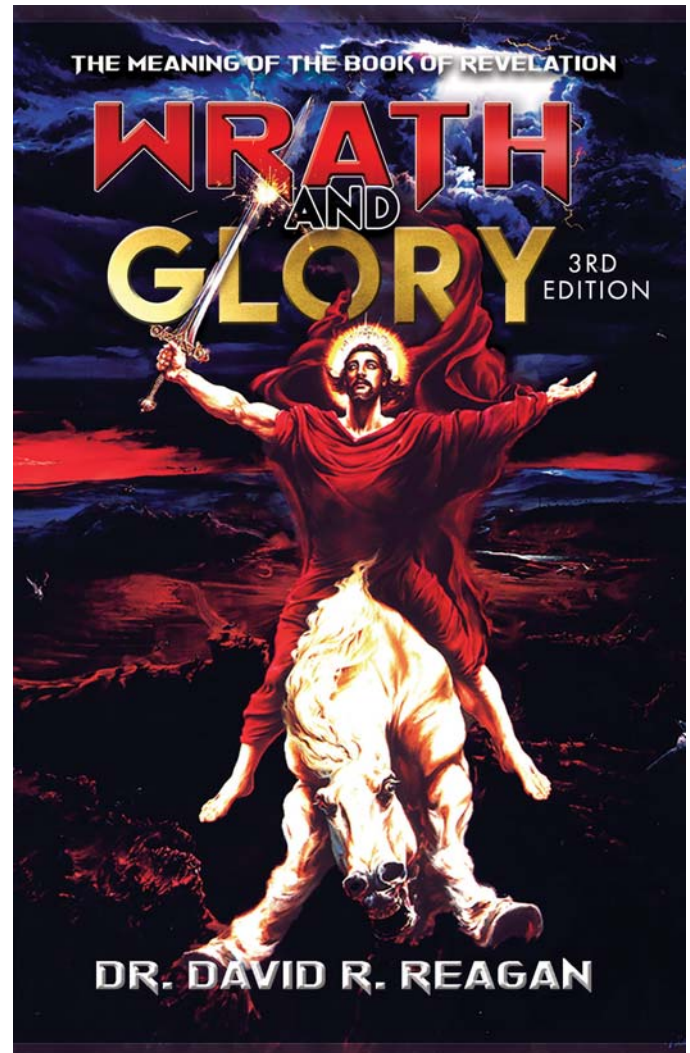
## Third Edition of Wrath & Glory!

The third edition of Dr. Reagan's commentary on the book of Revelation has just come off the press and is available for immediate distribution.

Dr. Reagan's favorite story about this book relates to the first edition that came out in 2001. He sent an advanced copy to his oldest daughter, Ruth. She called him a few days later and said she had finished reading it. When Dr. Reagan asked her what she thought of it, she said, "Well, Dad, I don't want to hurt your feelings." When he asked what she meant, she replied, "I understood every bit of it, and I'm certainly not any theologian." Dr. Reagan then explained to her that he never writes for theologians. His target audience for all his books is the person in the pew. So, her comment about the book was the highest compliment he could receive!

The book is written in an easy-to-understand, down-to-earth manner. It begins with a chapter devoted to how to understand Bible prophecy. Dr. Reagan then presents a chapter-by-chapter explanation of Revelation. The third chapter focuses on ways in which people have systematized the book of Revelation, and Dr. Reagan explains why a literal or plain sense interpretation of the book is the most valid approach to it. The fourth chapter provides answers to the most frequently asked questions about the book of Revelation. The final chapter provides insights about how to apply the lessons from Revelation to Christian living here and now.

One of the most important insights Dr. Reagan provides is that the book of Revelation contains flash-forwards. We are used to encountering flash-backs in literature and movies, but not flash-forwards. But God knows the future, and therefore, He can provide us



with flash-forwards to picture the Second Coming of the Lord. These are contained throughout the book of Revelation. The book also contains several parenthetical chapters that interrupt the action in order to encourage the reader.

The second edition of this book came out in 2016. This third edition contains new material.

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