

## CULTIVATE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER.....FEBRUARY 2019

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### Greetings in Jesus...!

I just want to say thank you so much to those of you who continue to help keep this ministry going through your prayers and support. You guys are the real heroes and great shall be your reward in heaven!

### Update on Jim

As many of you know Jim went home to be with the Lord on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

To update you from the last newsletter....

Jim was laid to rest on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with a simple graveside service in a pioneer cemetery about a mile from his cabin. The cemetery is tucked into and not easy to find or notice especially in the snow. About six inches of new snow had fallen the day before, and many of his friends, family and neighbors met at the Post Office in town and journeyed together up to the cemetery to mourn the loss of a treasured brother in Christ and celebrate his life well lived in the Lord. Eight more inches of snow fell that evening.

An interesting thing about the cemetery is that someone had hung and tended several bird houses in the forest near the gravesites. Jim had a bird house on every fence post around the front of his cabin. He made them especially for blue birds by putting a special sized hole for them. Whenever Jim would go outside the birds would come out and greet him.

In many ways it was a comforting reminder of one of Jim's favorite topics. "Our Blessed Hope" in Jesus Christ

Jims Tombstone will have the normal stuff on it and the ending. **"Another Ex-Mormon for Jesus"**



Jim Zilonka Graveside Service January 12, 2019

### Same Number, Same Site, NEW Address

Jim had been preparing for the eventuality of his possible passing before the rapture for several years. He was always certain that he wanted Cultivate Ministries to continue as long as possible before the return of our Lord and he worked diligently through the years to make sure it would

The Phone Number and website will remain unchanged.

The NEW address is  
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The Phone number will remain the same as always (719) 630-1222 for Calls, Voicemail & Text messages Please do leave a voice message when you call.

The website [cultivateministries.org](http://cultivateministries.org) will remain the same as well

The e-mail address is now [mail@cultivateministries.org](mailto:mail@cultivateministries.org)

Those who are 30 Club members or receive the Newsletter by mail will receive self addressed envelopes with the new address as well. Please let me know if we need to update your address or other information.

### Some Timely Thoughts From Hal Lindsey

#### Prophecy and You

For many, the study of Bible Prophecy is an interesting intellectual exercise. For others, it's an exciting pastime — almost like reading comic books with their vast, apocalypse-style stories. Even for those who fully believe Bible prophecy, it can seem distant. The events described in Daniel, Revelation, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and elsewhere in scripture often feel utterly divorced from the world in which we live our everyday lives.

#### Bible Prophecy is Fulfilled In Dramatic, Spectacular Ways

2019: What's Next? A New Year's Day Politico headline encapsulated the dread filling the political world: "Yes, 2019 Is the Year You Were Worrying About."

Markets are rattled by a looming trade war with China, a Fed that seems determined to relegate prosperity to America's rearview mirror, and a level of instability in Washington rivaled in American history only by the runup to the Civil War.... Any of these things could translate into a full-blown recession.... Meanwhile, the rest of the world remains dependent on the teetering American economy for their prosperity.

The North Korea denuclearization deal seems to be falling apart before it even begins.... China is building weapons designed to destroy US aircraft carriers.... The overall buildup of the Chinese military is one of the largest ever undertaken. It includes a heavy

emphasis on space weapons and the destruction of the digital infrastructure that America and the West depend on for their very survival.... Russia remains a nuclear superpower, and its President, Vladimir Putin, seems determined to build a new generation of exotic super weapons.

In Washington, a power base entrenched for generations is intent on bringing down this President. They may or may not have legitimate legal arguments against him. We will see as reports finally surface in 2019. But instability in Washington — with fault on both sides — was the hallmark of 2018 and looks to grow even worse in the new year.

Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in dramatic, even spectacular ways. That's good news because it means that the return of Jesus is getting closer. But the Bible makes it clear that the buildup to Christ's return will be anything but pleasant. At some point, those of us who are in Christ will be raptured out of here. But between now and the rapture, difficulties will increase. America's power and influence may be destroyed even sooner than we had imagined.

What about you? What about your family, neighbors, and friends? What about your church and community? What happens now? What happens to you and those you love?

Here's the thing to remember. Psalm 23 still applies. "The Lord is my shepherd." He's still my shepherd, even in the end times. "I shall not want." He still provides for my needs even in economic hard times. "He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

It's all still true. And if things become extremely bad, remember verses 4-6. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life."

I don't know what will happen in 2019. But I know goodness and mercy will follow me. And if you're in Christ, they will follow you, too. I believe we will continue to see a fulfillment of the general trends laid out in scripture. Yet, even with that, Jesus said there would be an ebb and flow like with the labor pains of childbirth. That means we can't make precise, year-by-year predictions.

But if you are in Christ, I know a great deal about your future. The big one is this. You're headed for heaven! The 23rd Psalm ends with an eternal beginning. "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

## The Bible Is a Prophetic Book

### A Sure Word

Some evangelical Christians kiddingly state their position on Bible prophecy as "pan-tribulationist," or "pan-millennial." Then they give the punch line. "I believe it will all pan out."

I understand what gives rise to such thinking. In order to understand Bible prophecy, you have to dig into scripture. "Rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV) requires diligence and effort. And to top it off, those who study prophecy sometimes come away with different opinions.

For that reason, many followers of Christ throw their hands in the air and say, "I'm not going to think about it. I trust God. He will take care of things. It will all pan out."

Yes, God is sovereign. His side wins. But it is sad when people who love God ignore so much of His counsel. The Bible is a prophetic book. Some scholars say that one-fourth of it is prophecy. Others say the percentage is even higher — maybe one-third. Either way, prophecy is clearly important. If the only thing we need to know is that it will "all pan out," then why did God put so much prophetic teaching in His word?

If you find prophecy intimidating, remember that all Bible doctrines seem inexhaustible to the human mind. Consider the Attributes of God. You can spend a lifetime on any one of His attributes — and barely scratch the surface. But just because we cannot exhaust a topic, does not mean we can't have real knowledge of that topic. We can't fully grasp God's omnipotence, but because His word tells

us about it, we can have a true and real understanding of it. Based on His word, we can know what it is, and we can rationally discuss it.

In John 14:3, Jesus said, "I will come again." That is a clear and concise statement. He said it because He wants us to know it. We can trust those words. It doesn't tell us everything about end-times prophecy, but it tells us something real — something we can build our lives on. Jesus is coming back!

Ironically, that's where some so-called theologians begin to disagree. Jesus explained many times and in many ways that He will return. The fact that some dispute the obvious is no reason to doubt the obvious. "I will come again" is as clear as, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son...." (John 3:16) Trust it. Lean on it. Find comfort in the knowledge.

At Christmas we often recite Isaiah 9:6-7. "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever." (NKJV) Those verses foretell Christmas, but they don't end there. They take us from the manger into eternity future — and give us loads of information about what must happen along the way.

The Book of Revelation reveals amazing and glorious things about Jesus. It takes things said about Him in the Old and New Testaments to their logical and astounding conclusions. I hate to think that anyone would ignore Revelation because naysayers have convinced them that they can't understand it. You may not understand all of it, but just reading it will build your faith and enlarge your vision of Christ.

Prophecies in Daniel give us tremendous evidence that the Bible could only be written under the inspiration of God. In Matthew 24, Jesus gave one of the longest of His recorded speeches, and it was all about His Second Coming.

More and more, I hear people say, "I heard all that stuff years ago. Nothing happened, so I don't believe it." In saying things like that, they are unwittingly fulfilling yet another sign of the coming Day of the Lord.

2 Peter 3 says, "In the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.'" (2 Peter 3:3-4)

Verses 8-10 say, "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief."

Bible prophecy laid out the first coming of Jesus with perfect accuracy and in stunning detail. As we look around at our own time, we can already see that the details about the Lord's Second Coming are just as perfect and just as stunning. And we are seeing it all in our own time with our own eyes.

We live in one of history's most amazing moments. And you're here to witness it. So, watch and study. Don't miss the joy and amazement of the times you live in.

## God Reveals Certain Things About The Future

### The History of What Comes Next

Everyone wants to know what happens next. That makes predicting the future big business. Huge corporations spend millions on consulting firms to tell them what's around the corner. Many of these consultants create computer models that take known facts and attempt to extrapolate from them an understanding of the unknown future.

But even in our modern era, many approach the future much as their pagan forebears did. Astrologists, spiritualists, psychics, mystics, palm readers, and other occult practitioners rake in huge amounts of money, especially in times of uncertainty.

In our everyday lives, we make sense of the future by looking at the past. The sun has been rising for a long time. We assume it will rise again tomorrow. None of us have seen tomorrow yet, so we use our brains the way scientists use their supercomputers. We extrapolate — make educated guesses.

But God doesn't have to guess. For human beings, time passes sequentially. We're like people along the street watching a parade. A helicopter pilot flying above the parade can see it all at once. On the ground, we see what's right in front of us. From on high, he sees the whole parade at once, from beginning to end.

That's a small picture of the way God sees time. Isaiah 57:15 calls Him, "the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity." (NKJV) In other words, He's already an eyewitness to the future.

God can and does reveal certain things about the future to us. Through the prophet Daniel, He correctly laid out a detailed outline of world history from Daniel's time forward, covering the next 600 years. In our time, we see the nations of the world aligning themselves in ways predicted by Daniel and the other prophets.

But to really understand the future, we have to see the context of prophecy. To do that, look at two things — the fundamental nature of God and the series of promises He has made. Assurance of the latter depends on our certainty of the former.

A promise is only as good as the one making the promise. Does a lifetime money-back guarantee mean you're covered until the end of your days? Not necessarily. A company can go belly-up. Bankrupt owners might not have the ability to keep their warranty. Other businesses are scams from the beginning.

So, before we look at God's promises, we have to look at His attributes. Does He have the ability to fulfill His promises? If so, does He have the good character needed to keep His word?

Theologians often use the word "omnipotent" to describe God's ability. "Omni" means all, and "potent" means power. In Genesis 17:1, God said to Abraham, "I am God Almighty." Almighty is another word meaning all powerful.

Revelation 19:6 says, "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

Our imaginations fall short when trying to grasp the power and magnificence of a single star — our sun. Yet scientists say a typical galaxy contains a hundred billion stars of which the sun is merely average. Our Milky Way contains up to 400 billion stars. And the universe contains at least a hundred billion galaxies. Think of that, and then think of Genesis 1:1 — "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth."

Isaiah 40 says, "'To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?' says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power." (Isaiah 40:25-26 NKJV)

Yes. The Almighty Creator of all things has the ability to keep His promises. But what about His character? His capabilities wouldn't matter if His honesty couldn't be trusted.

Remember the vast universe I just described? In Mark 13:31, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that He should lie." Isaiah 40:8 says, "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." Titus 1:2 says "God . . . cannot lie." (NASB)

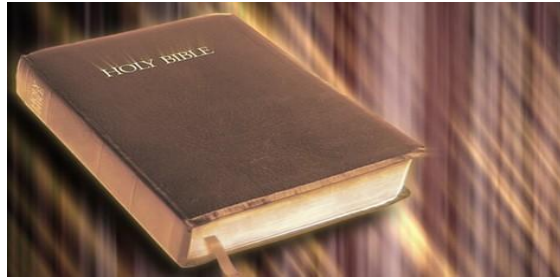
God cannot lie! That's not a limitation on His omnipotence; it's an expression of it. 2 Timothy 2:13 says, "He cannot deny Himself." (NASB) He remains forever true to Who He is, and He is truth. (John 14:6)

Because of His power and His character, His promises cannot fail. The moment He makes a promise, it is as good as done.

To gain an understanding of the future, then, we need to examine His promises. Some of them were conditional, such as the covenant of the law given through Moses. Other promises were unconditional. He promised to Abraham that He would give the Promised Land to Abraham's offspring through Isaac and Jacob. God would reiterate this promise many times in many ways. So it must happen.

God promised King David, "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." [2 Samuel 7:10-11,16 NASB] That promise can be fulfilled only in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

## What's going to happen? All the things God promised.



## Supremes allow enforcement of military trans-ban

The U.S. Supreme Court announced Tuesday it will let President Trump restore to the military a long-standing ban on transgendered people in its ranks. The ban in place since the creation of the military was abruptly lifted by President Obama. The Daily Caller reported the high court did not explain its decision to restore the ban. However, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan noted their dissent.

After Trump restored the traditional standard, his opponents filed suits in federal courts, and judges in several states ruled against the president's decision. The Trump administration then petitioned the Supreme Court to resolve the matter. The lawsuits argued the Trump administration violated the First Amendment, equal protection and due process. But they didn't address the fact that there is no constitutional right to participate in the armed forces.

The government called on the high court's intervention because the lower courts' rulings "require the military to maintain a policy that, in its own professional judgment, risks undermining readiness, disrupting unit cohesion, and weakening military effectiveness and lethality."

A second request then was submitted to let the ban be enforced while the litigation continues. That petition was granted. President Trump used Twitter to announce his reversal of Obama's decision. The military then released an implementation plan allowing people with a history of gender dysphoria to enlist but requiring they identify according to their biological sex. When Obama ordered the military to let transgenders serve openly, the courts were silent.

But judges jumped into action to oppose Trump when he decided to reverse Obama's ruling. Just before the 2016 election, Obama Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter declared transgender individuals could serve openly in the military. That put American taxpayers on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars in sex-change costs. The treatments also made the troops undergoing the change undeployable for much of their time in the military.

When Trump reversed Obama, Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel said the president simply was refocusing the military's mission to emphasize "readiness and unit cohesion." "The military is not a social club but rather a fine-tuned fighting machine of men and women who defend our freedom," said Staver. "It is not a right but a privilege to serve." Staver said the "duty of military officers is to appropriately lead and prepare their personnel to serve and protect, and they cannot do that when there is confusion, dysfunction and distraction."

## The Bible VS Joseph Smith

Mormons are often referred to as the “hardest of the hardest to save” because of their intense indoctrination into their religion and never enter into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. But the Word of God and fulfilled prophecy works! Even on Mormons. We have to remember Mormon people are not our enemies they are victims of The Enemy. This month we are airing the audio portion of the amazing DVD filmed in the holy land **titled The Bible verses Joseph Smith**. It's up to us you and I to provide them with the truth. This DVD is a great tool to do this with when you can't witness to them directly. It will be available this month for a gift of any amount. Watch this video and copy it and share it with as many as you can. If you can't make copies and want to share this DVD contact us and we can help.

## Top Magicians: Sleight of Hand or Supernatural Demonic powers?

We've all seen magic shows right? I remember seeing these when I was a kid. I even learned how to make it appear to have a penny disappear into my head then come out of my mouth. This is called sleight of hand. There is nothing supernatural about it. But what about the amazing top magicians? From yesterday and today? All the way back from Harry Houdini and others back then, to people today such as David Blain, David Copperfield and many others. Have you ever wondered how they do these things as levitation and more than just can't be explained away? The word magic or magicians appears in the Bible including in the New Testament where it states certain people will have their place in the lake of fire. *Rev. 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of fire. This is the second death.*” Since the Word of God mentions these groups, they must still exist. Many well known magicians, past and present, do indeed continue dealing with demons helping them in their deceptions. Most claim they are simply illusionists but are they really? All of them? Today, we have so many Top Magicians out there performing before national TV shows as America's Got Talent and late night shows as Jimmy Fallon and so many others! Unfortunately, there are so many Christians out there that don't believe there's anything going on in the supernatural realm from God or Satan simply because they have not seen nor experienced them. This of course is to simply deny the Word of God! Meanwhile, there are so many supernatural things taking place from the demonic realm that have actually been filmed and watched by millions! These things have been taking place right under our noses for a very long time. It's just that many of these top magicians continue lying saying they are only illusionists that most Christians and non-Christians alike continue believing these things they perform are just really great illusions. Guess again! The month we are airing the audio portion of the Christian DVD titled: **Top Magicians: Sleight of Hand or Supernatural Powers?** This is the best Christian made DVD I have ever seen on this subject. If you would like to obtain a copy, it's available for a gift of any amount this month. And do feel free to share with others! Show it at your church, fellowship or Bible studies! What is the devil's biggest lie to the world? That he doesn't exist! This Christian made DVD proves differently!

## Hell on Earth

What are things going to be like when the Christians are all gone? This month we are airing the audio portion of the DVD Hell on Earth with Dr. David Hocking. This is an excellent tool to share with the lost. Dr. Hocking presents Bible prophecy on what will happen after the rapture of the church. This teaching uses the truth and fear to help lead the lost to salvation in Jesus Christ. Sometimes we don't want to offend the lost and instead politely send them to an eternal hell. The DVD **Hell on Earth** with Dr. David Hocking is available

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## Hells Best Kept Secret

The modern-day Gospel being used by so many today is not working because it is another Gospel! That's why 80-90% of new Christians are falling away! But the Biblical Gospel works! And it works on Mormons, JWS, 7th Day Adventists, Roman Catholics, Buddhists, whoever! Don't give up on the lost you've been trying to get saved, just do it right. This DVD will show you how to get back to the biblical way of doing this. We are airing the audio portion of the DVD **Hells Best Kept Secret** with Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort this month and it is available for a Gift of any amount this month. This is a DVD you will want to watch and share.

## The 30 Club...

Many of you are already members of our 30 Club. Thank you for this greatly! You guys are helping us to pay for the airtime! Plus this is a great deal for you. As mentioned, DVDs are normally \$20.00 each but through the 30 Club you receive all DVDs aired. That is an \$80.00 value for a gift of \$30.00 or more each month. If you've not yet joined the 30 Club, you might want to do so now. It looks like 2019 is going to be one very interesting year! Just let me know when you write if you'd like to join our 30 Club. Or you can subscribe via credit card at the website [cultivateministries.org](http://cultivateministries.org) Thanks!

## Prayer Request...

There are two prayer requests this month.

The first is for your prayers for this ministry. And the second, a request for your prayer requests.

First of all please keep Jim's desire for the continuance of the Ministry in your prayers, Jim truly wanted his love for the lost and the truth of God's Word to be much bigger than himself. Pray also for blessings for his daughter Tiffany who is a real “Super Mom” in every way, ministering the Love of Christ, and her husband and family as well. And Jim's close friend Paul. And for the continuance of this ministry and it's outreach.

Second, Jim was a man who in many ways ministered on his knees and in his prayers. He prayed regularly and often for those who he knew and his supporters with very personal petitions and requests. Jim kept that information personal in his heart and head to speak. If you have any concerns or requests you would like to continue or start praying about, please let me know. REALLY! It has always been a huge part of what Cultivate Ministries is about.

So please do pray and respond accordingly. Thanks!

## Ending Note:

I just wanted to again say thank you so much for those of you who help keep this ministry going through your prayers and support. Thanks as well for the many kind and caring notes and calls. If it weren't for you guys, this ministry would have been taken out long ago.

Many blessing and my sincere Thanks:

*Dudley*