

Christ in Prophecy Christmas 9: Christmas in Prophecy

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Jesus fulfilled 108 prophecies when He came the first time. Anyone who thinks that is an accident knows nothing, absolutely nothing about the laws of probability. Prophecy is proof positive that Jesus was God in the flesh. Stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. I'm delighted to have two colleagues with me on the set today. The first is my former Associate Evangelist, Dennis Pollock. Dennis serves now as the Founder and Director of Spirit of Grace Ministries, located in McKinney, Texas. It is an evangelistic and healing ministry that's aimed primarily at Africa. Welcome back, Dennis.

Dennis Pollock: Thanks, Dave.

Dr. Reagan: Always good to have you on the set.

Dennis Pollock: Great to be with you.

Dr. Reagan: Of course the other person on the set here is, Nathan Jones. Nathan, is our co-host of this program. He's also an evangelist for this ministry, and a web minister. He is our web minister who is on that website everyday answering questions about Bible prophecy and assisting people all over the world in defending the faith. Nathan, always glad to have you here with us.

Nathan Jones: Thank you, sir.

Dr. Reagan: Now, folks, every year at Christmas I am reminded of the remarkable prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus and how they substantiate His deity and the faithfulness of God. In this program we are going to take a look at some of those prophecies. The first that come to mind are those that establish the general time period when the Lord would appear. There are two in particular I'd like for us to consider. The first in Genesis 49:10, tell us about that one.

Nathan Jones: Well let me read it to you, Genesis 49:10 reads, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people." Now, when you think of a king you usually think of a crown and a throne, but kings will also hold a scepter. And the person who holds the scepter is the one who controls the power. Now, the line of King David was through the tribe of Judah, and they held

the power. Now, this is the power to make laws, it was also the power to do capital punishment against their prisoners. Now, the Jewish people throughout history had the right and power to put to death those that disobeyed their laws, until Shiloh came. Now who is Shiloh? Shiloh is a Messianic term for the Messiah, it is another name for the Messiah. Now, it is interesting when Jesus arrived on the scene up to that point the Sanhedrin still had the power to put people to death. But when the Romans took over they took that power away from the Jewish people and hence when they wanted to crucify Jesus they went to Pontius Pilot to get permission to kill Jesus because they had lost the power; the scepter had been removed from Judah. And that is the exact time Shiloh showed up. Shiloh being Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: Ok. Now there is another one that has to do with the general time period of the Messiah and that is one in Daniel, in Daniel chapter 9 I believe it is, the prophecy of the 70 Weeks of Year. Dennis, how does that set the time for the coming of the Messiah?

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, it is an amazing prophecy. It is actually one given by the angel Gabriel, and he comes and appears to Daniel while he's doing some intense praying. And declares a number of things, but the thing that we are focusing on here is that after seven, sevens, and sixty-two sevens would be 483 years, if you count it that way, Messiah would be cut off. And so, the Messiah is going to--an amazing prophecy that declares Messiah is going to come, He is going to die which a lot of the Jews couldn't accept. But it tells us the timing. And it says the time would start when there was a command given to rebuild Jerusalem, and rebuild its walls. Well, they've done some complicated figuring but when you start that general time period of when the command was given to rebuild Jerusalem, and you take it 483 years you end up right at the time of Jesus. Right at the time of His death. It's an amazing prophecy. And again He's the only one that could possibly, this could possibly refer to. So, Jesus came, precisely on time.

Dr. Reagan: Now, Nathan the world would shout coincidence, coincidence, that's all in the world there is to it. But you know better than that because you have done quite a lot of study of coincidence and probability in Scripture. Tell us a little bit about that.

Nathan Jones: Well, it is awfully hard to have a coincidence showing up 483 years when you need to be. But, I'm not a mathematician, but there is a mathematician who's passed away now, his name was Peter Stoner. Brilliant mind, and he could take complicated math and turn it into easy to understand. And he said that there were 108 distinct Messianic prophecies for Jesus Christ. Now, what are the chances of just 8 being fulfilled in the life of one man? So he did all the math and he found out it is 1 in 10 to the 17th power that is a 1 followed by 17 zeroes.

Dennis Pollock: Wow!

Dr. Reagan: That's a big number.

Nathan Jones: Now, that is a big number, we can't grasp it.

Dr. Reagan: And that is not 108; that is just 8.

Nathan Jones: That's just 8 of the 108, right. So he brought it down to where I'm at to explain it. And he said this is what it would be like: he said it would be like taking the entire state of Texas, and it is a big state, and you fill it 2 feet deep with silver dollars. Then you mark one coin,

and you throw it out an airplane it falls in there, and then you churn it all with bulldozers, and it is totally buried somewhere. You take a blind man, you drop him in there, he reaches down, he picks up, and what is the first coin? That's the one with mark. That is 1 in 10 to the 17th power. Impossible! It would have to be divine for that to happen. And it was, it was Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: So, were not talking about coincidence here.

Nathan Jones: We're not talking about coincidence whatsoever, and that is just 8 of the 108 prophecies.

Dr. Reagan: Well, you know Nathan you got so intrigued with this particular prophecy that you put together, what did you call it an Insight?

Nathan Jones: Bible Prophecy Insight video.

Dr. Reagan: A Bible Prophecy Insight.

Nathan Jones: It was such a wonderful illustration it needed to be put visually for people to see.

Dr. Reagan: And, folks these are a series of videos that Nathan has produced. You can find them on our website, just go there and look under media and look for Insights. And these are all one minute long, and they are incredible.

Nathan Jones: Praise the Lord.

Dr. Reagan: Just give me an example of what we're talking about here I'm going to show them the Insight video that you put together concerning this particular illustration. So here it is folks.

Bible Insight Video

Nathan Jones: I'm Nathan Jones with your Bible Prophecy Insight. Can math prove the accuracy of Bible prophecy? Well let's start with just 8 of the 108 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' life. Mathematician Peter Stoner calculated that the probability of all 8 being fulfilled in the life of one person is 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That's 17 zeros! That would be like filling the entire state of Texas two feet deep in quarters. Mark just one. Throw it in. The odds would be like walking for days and then the very first coin picked up that would be the one with the mark. Impossible, right? Well, not if the Bible is truly God's Word. To learn more about Bible prophecy visit us at lamblion.com.

Dr. Reagan: Wow that was some illustration that you gave there, and you know I've always wondered about that. Did you have a headache after all those coins fell on your head?

Nathan Jones: Well, luckily they are just computer animated.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, and that animator is a wonderful Christian man. Let's give him some credit there.

Nathan Jones: Ralph Streaan of Sevenfold Films, a former Disney animator who gave his life to the Lord, and now he does movies particularly about the Creation.

Dr. Reagan: And you did a whole series of those Insight programs with him; one minute clips that can be used in teaching, can be used in sermons and they are all on our website. And also now you are doing some new ones called Inbox videos that are a little bit longer.

Nathan Jones: A little longer, yes.

Dr. Reagan: They are very well done.

Nathan Jones: Praise the Lord.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, folks, we have taken a look at the timing of the Lord's birth. Let's take a brief break and when we come back we will consider other Old Testament prophecies related to the birth of Jesus.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy, and our discussion of the birth of Jesus and the prophecies concerning Jesus in the Old Testament. Now, fellas, one of the most remarkable Old Testament prophecies related to the birth of Jesus is the one that's found in Micah 5:2. And we've already looked at that, but let's look at it again.

Nathan Jones: Sure. Micah 5:2. "But you Bethlehem Ephrathah though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yes out of you shall come forth to me the One to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old from everlasting." Like we said last week, Bethlehem Ephrathah is the location, the city where the Messiah would be born. Not just any Bethlehem, there were two of them Israel, this is Bethlehem Ephrathah and that would be the birth place of the Messiah.

Dr. Reagan: And this is written 700 years before the birth of Jesus.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, Micah was 700 years before this.

Dr. Reagan: And he says, he's going to be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah. And most people don't even know what that means. That refers to the area around Jerusalem. It would be like if I asked you where you were born and you say Springfield. I'd have to ask you another question because there is a Springfield in almost every state of the United States. In fact there is probably one in every state. And so, you would have to say: Springfield, Missouri, or Springfield, Illinois or whatever. Well, there were two Bethlehems in Israel. And he doesn't just say Bethlehem he says Bethlehem Ephrathah, 700 years before Jesus is born. And you know Dennis one of the things that gets me about that is how different that is from the modern more recent prophecies of people like Nostradamus which are so vague.

Dennis Pollock: Vague absolutely.

Dr. Reagan: And so general, and so mussy that you have no idea what they mean. And people take them and just apply them to all kinds of things, but these are precise prophecies.

Dennis Pollock: And you know the Jews accepted this, believed it, and in fact used it as an argument against Jesus being the Messiah. They said, "Well, don't you realize that the Bible says He's supposed to come out of Bethlehem? And this guy is not from Bethlehem." Well, they didn't have all their facts straight. He was born in Bethlehem, so, but they believed it.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, they thought He came out of Nazareth.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: But He was born in Bethlehem. Well, let's take a look at some other Old Testament prophecies that relate to the birth of Jesus. For example in Numbers 24:17 the very ancient prophecy, what does that have to say?

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, this is by a fella named Balaam who is a very strange character.

Dr. Reagan: He sure was.

Dennis Pollock: And was not a Jew, but he seemed to sometimes get it right somehow. And he said in 24:17, "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star shall come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult." Well, Jesus was that star, was the scepter. But in a sense there is a double meaning here because Jesus was the star, and yet there was a literal star that showed up at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: And evidently this was shared when the Jews were in Babylonian captivity. They have must of shared some of these verses, and there scriptures must of become known to some of the people there because later on people from Persia, from that area were looking for that star.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, exactly. The wise men were looking for it and saw what they felt was it, and they were right. They got it right.

Dr. Reagan: Another one is in Psalm 72 what's that all about, Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Well, it is about Christmas gifts. Why do we give Christmas gifts at Christmas time? Because the wise men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Now that, them bringing gifts is important because it is a fulfillment of prophecy. Well Psalm 72 says, "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him." So, the kings will bring gifts to the Messiah.

Dr. Reagan: The magi were actually in prophecy.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, and then Dennis how about Hosea 11:1.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, Hosea 11:1, "When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my Son." Of course, you know, this can go backwards and point to the fact that Israel was brought out of Egypt. But it goes forwards and declares that His Son will be out of Egypt. And one thing you need to, we need to point out here is that when you look at these prophecies, you know we would like it better if they were all concentrated into prophecy section, and have about five good chapters and say, "Now this refers to this, and so forth." But instead they are randomly scattered throughout the Scripture. So, if you are determined to believe that there isn't a Messiah, or you just don't want to acknowledge Jesus is the Messiah, you can just say, "Well, that doesn't probably mean too much. And this doesn't probably mean too much." And you can deny it. But for those who have an eye to see, they will recognize that when you put them all together they can speak of no one else but Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Dr. Reagan: Amen. Amen. Ok, Nathan, how about Jeremiah 31? A very grim prophecy.

Nathan Jones: It is grim. Jeremiah 31:15 reads, "Thus says the Lord: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation *and* bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they *are* no more.'" Now, in context it is a little difficult to understand. We are talking about Rachel. We are talking Ramah. We are talking about the area of Bethlehem.

Dr. Reagan: Yes. Yes.

Nathan Jones: The land of Bethlehem. Now remember when the Magi went back to King Herod, excuse me, first met Herod they told him that the Messiah would be born in this town. And King Herod in response then had ordered that all the children two and under were to be killed in Bethlehem in the land of Ramah. Rachel weeping for her children because they were all murdered.

Dr. Reagan: Wow, so these are prophecies contained in the Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and it is amazing when you see it. You know we are talking here about prophecies that relate to His birth. But one that comes to mind, to me one of the most remarkable prophecies in all the Old Testament is in Psalm 22.

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: Where it talks about the Messiah will die by having His hands and feet pierced. And the way that they executed people at the time that was written, a thousand years before Jesus was by stoning them to death. A thousand years later still stoning them to death. The Jews as you said, the Jews had lost their power to execute people. So, they had to go to the Romans, and the Romans used crucifixion; and His hands and feet were pierced. Just as prophesied a thousand years before. I just never cease to be amazed at the preciseness of these prophecies. How anybody could read those and say, "Well, it is all just a coincidence." Or read them and not believe, I just don't know.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah. And you know I was talking about how it would nice if there were all in one section. There is one fairly lengthily section of the Old Testament where it goes into much, much detail and you can hardly deny, and that is Isaiah 53.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yes.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah.

Dennis Pollock: Where it speaks about how the Messiah would die. I mean it is so plain, it is so clear. Who but Jesus of Nazareth would qualify for that type of death?

Dr. Reagan: Well, I want to take another brief break. And when we come back I want to take a look at New Testament prophecies that have to do with the birth of Jesus because there were quite a number of them.

Dennis Pollock: Yes there were.

Dr. Reagan: And nearly all of them amazingly were in songs that people sang.

Part 3

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to our discussion of Christmas in Bible prophecy. We've taken a look at a number of Old Testament prophecies that relate to the birth of Jesus. Now, I would like for us to shift to the New Testament and consider a series of prophecies that also relate to the Savior's birth. I'll tell you what fellas, let's start with the prophecy that Gabriel gave to Mary, what we call the annunciation, where he announces that the Messiah is coming and he makes some interesting prophecies.

Nathan Jones: Oh, he does. You can find this in Luke chapter 1, verses 26-33. It starts, "Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed," and so forth and so on. And basically Gabriel tells Mary, "Hello, highly favored one you are about to give birth to the Messiah." She says, "Me? I'm a virgin. What no?" So, there is quite a number of different points that Messianic, and they are a fulfillment of prophecy. One that she would of course give birth to the Messiah. That the baby of course would be a boy. Gabriel didn't say, "Hey, you're going to have a girl, or we're not sure. You're definitely going to have a boy." And they even gave Him a name, the name of the baby would be Jesus, which is really fantastic.

Dr. Reagan: Which means the salvation of God.

Nathan Jones: And He'd be the Son of the Most High God. He wouldn't be any baby, but the Son of the Most High God.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: And every one of those prophecies was precisely fulfilled.

Nathan Jones: Exactly, 100%.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, what about Mary's song that she sang to Elizabeth when she visited Elizabeth. She was still pregnant at that time.

Dennis Pollock: She was. And it's such a beautiful song. I mean its poetry. It's a song. It's anointed. It is a prophetic song.

Dr. Reagan: And shows that she was a person who really knew the Scriptures.

Dennis Pollock: Boy, it does. You know obviously it would be possible for God to just inject those words into her mouth, but that is not normally the way He works. Chances are she did know the Bible. And probably that had something to do with why the angel says, "You are highly

favored of God." Here's a young lady. How many young ladies today or in any generation are Bible students?

Dr. Reagan: Especially at the age of 13 or 14.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah. She was--yeah she is quoting Scriptures. She is saying, "My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior." And it is just beautiful. It's beautiful poetry. It is anointed. This was a special young lady. Maybe you know Gabriel called her, "Highly favored one." You know she did ask, "How can this be?" And later when Zacharias has-- or earlier when Zacharias had his experience you know he asked, "Give me a sign." With Mary the angel was rather gentle, and just said, "Well, the Holy Spirit will come upon you." With Zacharias it was like, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God. And you're not going to speak for a while fella." So, maybe it was because she was so highly favored, he gave her a pass on that one.

Dr. Reagan: Well, that really is interesting. You know as she--she even makes some very specific prophecies in that particular song. She says, that He will bring down rulers, He'll exalt the humble, He'll fill the hungry. On and on. And there all in what we call the proleptic tense which is something that most people are not aware of.

Dennis Pollock: Sounds like something you take when you've got a sore throat.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, yeah, well, not exactly. It's when God speaks of the future, something that is going to happen in the future, but He says it in the past tense as if it's already happened because as far as He's concerned it has, because it will.

Dennis Pollock: Sure.

Dr. Reagan: And sometimes it is confusing, but all of that song is in that particular tense. And one thing in particular I want us to note there. Notice how the song begins. Read the very first verse of how the song begins.

Dennis Pollock: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."

Dr. Reagan: Mary, needed a Savior.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: Just like I need a Savior. You need a Savior. And yet many teach that Mary never sinned and had no need for a Savior or whatever. But Mary was a sinner just like all of us.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, there is that song "Mary Did You Know" and I love the line that says, "The child whom you delivered will soon deliverer you."

Nathan Jones: Wow, that's powerful.

Dennis Pollock: So, she delivered Jesus, He delivered here.

Dr. Reagan: Great song by Matt Lowry. It is awesome. I just get goosebumps when I hear that song.

Dennis Pollock: Beautiful song.

Dr. Reagan: Ok. Well let's go to the song that Zacharias sang when John the Baptist was born. I mean he had a son now, he had gone all of his life he and his wife, and she had a barren womb, and suddenly bang here's a son. And he is so excited.

Nathan Jones: He is so excited he can't say anything about it.

Dr. Reagan: And he begins to prophecy in this.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, the angel because he didn't believe took his voice away until he would be born. And when he was born he could finally speak. And what does he do? He has a song in Luke 1:67-79, "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people." And he goes on and on and he talks about how Jesus would be the horn of salvation, that John the Baptist, his own son, would pave the way for the Messiah.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, prophecies to his son.

Nathan Jones: Fulfilling the forerunner prophecy. And the Messiah would be the sunrise from on high, would bring light to the world. And Jesus did all of that and still continues to do that today.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, and he gives the line that the Messiah would give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins. It is amazing he had that insight. Obviously it was given by the Holy Spirit. This is not just somebody going to liberate Israel from Rome, which is what everybody was expecting. But He's going to liberate people from their sins. Which is exactly why Christ came.

Dr. Reagan: Well, how about those poor shepherds who were out there in that field who were scared witless. Can you imagine how scary that must have been when suddenly the whole sky is lite up with angels who are singing? Oh, my. In Luke 2 beginning with verse 8 how about that Nathan? The angels at Bethlehem.

Nathan Jones: The angels at Bethlehem.

Dr. Reagan: And there are prophecies in what they had to say.

Nathan Jones: "Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid." And it goes on if you've watched "Charlie Brown" from the 60's they tell that story every year. But the angels proclaimed that Jesus was coming and He would be the Savior. And they would find Him. Go, go and see.

Dr. Reagan: Even told them how to find Him.

Nathan Jones: He's in a manger, right? He is in an animal feeding trough. Go there and you will see the baby.

Dr. Reagan: I'm glad you mentioned that because when I was growing up I was always heard He was in a manger. And I thought a manger was a place where the kept animals. But no it is a feeding trough.

Nathan Jones: A feeding trough.

Dr. Reagan: And He's actually in the feeding trough. When we go to Israel we often see feeding troughs carved out of rock, and sometimes made of wood. But that's--He was placed in a feeding trough. The King of kings and Lord of lords.

Nathan Jones: And who would think? Nobody puts their baby in a feeding trough. Yet, they knew to look for a baby in a feeding trough.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, boy. Then the song of Simeon. Now who was Simeon to begin with? And what about his song? You find this in Luke chapter 2 beginning with verse 25.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: He was a remarkable man. In fact if I remember right he had been told through some word of knowledge of whatever that he would live to see the Messiah.

Dennis Pollock: Exactly. And the Bible gives him a great commendation says, "He was just and devout. He was waiting for the Consolation of Israel." It is a special title for Jesus. The Consolation of Israel. He was what Israel was desperately needing and wanting, and would bring comfort and salvation to them. The Bible says the Holy Spirit was upon him. Now this was an old man, this is not a young guy. And he sees Mary and Joseph with the baby bringing Him in.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, they were bringing Him for dedication.

Dennis Pollock: They were.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Dennis Pollock: And he instantly knows by the Holy Spirit. I mean the Holy Spirit is all over the place in these things, just giving prophecies, giving songs, filling people with the Holy Spirit. It's amazing. But you know the Bible says by the mouth of two or more witnesses every word shall be established. But Jesus was so important. God didn't stop with just two of three witnesses. He was given witness, after witness, after witness. And then you go on with the life of Jesus, the miracles. Then you even have the thief on the cross at his death who is seeing who Jesus is. All these witnesses, Old Testament witnesses, and it went on in the New Testament. The miracles, witnesses saying to the world, shouting it this is My Son listen to Him, receive Him. And today if you want to know is He legit or not? Read the Bible, look at not just one of two witnesses, not just some old fanatic somewhere saying, "Well, I think He might be the Messiah." But this plethora of witnesses, young, old and in-between, rich, poor, wise people, people that aren't so sharp, all getting the revelation this is the Messiah, this is the Son of God.

Nathan Jones: And it's not just for the Jewish people, verse 22 says, "A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles." Unheard of at that time.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, unheard of.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah.

Nathan Jones: The Jewish people though the Messiah was just going to be for them.

Dr. Reagan: The glory of Israel and the light of revelation to the Gentiles.

Nathan Jones: Gentiles, so it is for everybody.

Dr. Reagan: You know Dennis, I know that in your preaching and teaching you put a lot of emphasis on the Holy Spirit and you've done as much teaching on it as anybody I've ever known of. And in the whole Old Testament it was so rare for the Holy Spirit came upon someone, it was just a very rare thing. And when it did it was really something like Samson working by the power of the Holy Spirit, and people like that. But in the New Testament suddenly there is 400 years of silence and then suddenly bang, it is like the Holy Spirit is just let loose, and He is just touching people all over the place.

Dennis Pollock: It is. It is a whole new season. And God says, now here's the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament, He said, "They'll all know Me." And in the Old Testament you had a few people. If you say, "Have you had any experience with the Holy Spirit?" David would have said, "Yeah, yeah, He came upon me when that old man said--"

Dr. Reagan: And I wrote poetry and all this.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, and all that. But under the New Testament it is like every child, every woman, every man, every plumber, every doctor, every lawyer, every brick layer, every school teacher. If you're a Christian, if you know Christ you have the right, and the privilege, and the blessing of having the Spirit of God come on you and live inside you.

Dr. Reagan: And the glorious thing is today those who receive Jesus as Lord and Savior receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to empower them and live their lives for Christ.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, they get something the Old Testament Saints didn't get. And that's why Jesus could say, "John the Baptist greatest prophet ever, but he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater still because of that indwelling spirit."

Closing

Dr. Reagan: As we bring our program to a close today, I have invited all the staff members to join me here on the set. And you know it is just a little bit scary to think that there is nobody behind the cameras, no one in the control room. Folks, we are on autopilot! As we say goodbye today from this program, and as we say goodbye to the old year. I want us all to pause for a moment and join together in saying,

Lamb & Lion Staff: "Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!"

End of Program