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# Wadsworth pastor appears on History Channel special

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WADSWORTH — David C. Pack, president and pastor general of The Restored Church of God, will appear in "The Nostradamus Effect," a series addressing end-time predictions, on The History Channel. The episode in which he appears, "Satan's Army," with a focus on the book of Revelation, will be broadcast at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"A television production company in Los Angeles searched the Internet for what they described as the foremost expert on the book of Revelation and found my books and booklets on the subject," Pack said, adding they approached him in late May regarding an interview for "The Nostradamus Effect." Two weeks later he flew to Washington, D.C., for the video shoot.

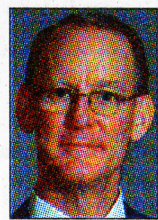
Pack said the program represents a wide range of viewpoints, including a Muslim scholar, a Catholic priest and devotees of Nostradamus' work.

"I bring a clear and different viewpoint to the program, and as a result my comments stand apart from the other voices presented," he said.

He discussed a number of signs described in the Bible that

make clear mankind is nearing the end of the present age.

"Describing events that are yet to occur, I referred to verses such as Revelation 13:13: 'And he (referring to the final false prophet mentioned elsewhere



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in Revelation) does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men' and Revelation 16:12 and 16 —

'And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared ... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.' I expanded on some elements of what is called the Battle of Armageddon."

He said he also cited passages from II Timothy 3, Matthew 24, Daniel and Zechariah that brought additional understanding and detail to the prophecies in Revelation.

Pack grew up in Lima, Ohio. Inspired by Herbert W. Armstrong's "World Tomorrow" radio broadcast during his senior year in high school, Pack's subsequent studies led

him to become a member of the Worldwide Church of God. Eschewing swimming scholarships as well as an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, he attended Ambassador College in Pasadena, Calif., world headquarters of the church, and entered the ministry in 1971.

Since then, he has served congregations in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey and Ohio.

When he felt the church's original message was being compromised following Armstrong's death in 1986, Pack left the church in 1993 and founded The Restored Church of God in 1999. The church offers scriptural solutions to answer the question of human existence and address the problems and ills people face today.

Pack said he bases his viewpoint in "The Nostradamus Effect" on the understanding that the Bible interprets itself.

"Almost none seem to understand this. It does not require or even allow for 'private interpretation,' as explained in II Peter 1:20. Anyone who studies prophecy can get an occasional stray fact right. But few understand that God's Word is like a jigsaw puzzle, written 'here a little and there a little,' as the book of Isaiah states. It only

makes sense when fully assembled, with each piece in the right place. And there are clues to solving the puzzle of prophecy — keys to understanding it. But most are not willing to do the research necessary to put it all together. Or they may listen to those who have done poor research and assume it to be correct."

As pastor general of The Restored Church of God, he has established more than 50 congregations, written more than 70 books, booklets and articles, and serves as publisher and editor-in-chief of The Real Truth magazine. Utilizing technology to the fullest, Pack is the voice behind "The World to Come" program and also oversees two biblically based Web sites, TheRCG.org and realtruth.org, resources he suggests people check into if they are interested in more information about the church.

Pack cited several other sources for those interested in prophecy, including those available to download such as "Revelation Explained at Last!," "Who or What Is the Beast of Revelation?," "America and Britain in Prophecy" and "Tomorrow's Wonderful World — An Inside View!"

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