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Good morning everyone. Thank you again for taking the time to listen to the message this morning.

Kingdom Conference 2021! is less than two weeks away. We have had a several rooms come available - due to some people having to change their plans. If you think you may be able to attend and need a room, please let us know as soon as you possibly can.

We will be meeting again at the Maranatha Bible Camp, Everton, Missouri - it's about 30 miles northwest of Springfield. Opening day is the 18th of what the world calls March. Check-in is any time after 1:00pm that day and the first event will be dinner at 5:00pm. Ted will be our opening speaker once again. We've got lots of special music planned this time. Randy Marshall, his young ones, along with the Christopher's grandchildren will be leading the congregational singing. Then Nancy Baracker and her children have special music planned. Rebecca will be here again with her awesome talent - Taylor will be here singing. This should be a fantastic meeting. We are really looking forward to it.

Before we get into today's message, we need to talk about a few things. After the events that took place in Texas a couple of weeks ago - I began writing somewhat of an essay as to what I thought took place - and then - as long as we are not in Ecclesia - what we should do to protect ourselves from things like this.

After I wrote the initial essay, I sent it to a friend of mine by email. I'm not going to mention his name because I do not want to put him in any jeopardy. Let me say this, he knows 100times more about the electric company than I will ever know - for reasons - that - even though I'm trying to be discreet here - I should have said enough to you that you would know that the information comes on very good authority.

In my essay, I talked about who should have the blame in what happened in Texas with the electricity going off in the middle of a once in a century winter storm - where people died because they were unprepared for such extreme temperatures.

While it seemed like most people were blaming the big, bad electric companies - of course - knowing me - I saw it a little differently.

I felt like the blame for what happened - the biggest portion of the blame - should have been on the quote "federalies" in Washington because of their insane, ridiculous thinking that the people in America are destroying the world because they produce electricity from coal powered plants. So, by mandate, the greenies in Washington and elsewhere, managed to get a lot of coal powered plants shut down so they could save the world from being destroyed within the next 10 years. Funny how those are the same idiots that believe the world is billions of years old - but they have the power to destroy it within the next 10 years - but - well - that's science for you.

Anyway, it doesn't take a rocket scientist, or an astrophysicist to know that if people think they are going to replace a coal powered energy generating plant - with solar panels or windmills - then they just do not live in the real world. Plain and simple.

Teresa and I have been making our own electricity now for about 20 years. And let me tell you - to live the way we want to live - and that's with an air conditioner - and not because of the heat - but because we live in an area where the mold is so bad - if you do not have a way to combat the mold - you'll be in serious problems in no time. But even as thrifty as we live - it would take at least 100 solar panels to do what we want to do.

And for people who know nothing about living off-grid - or even grid-tie trying to reduce or eliminate an electric bill - if they wanted to continue living the way they are accustomed, leaving lights on, blasting the ac, blasting the heat - all the norms of a lot of people - they'd probably need closer to 150 panels to continue that way.

If there were no more coal powered plants, every city in America could have every rooftop in their city covered with solar panels - and they wouldn't have half of the energy they need.

I have to admit that I never really thought much about the coal powered plant - beyond the idea that - well - the pollution is just a part of it. Can't help it. That is, until I spoke with my friend who informed me that what comes out of the stack at the plant he works at - is not much more than just water vapor. He said the steps they have taken to reduce pollution have basically reduced the by-product of burning the coal - to not much more than water vapor. He said he works right up to that stack almost daily - and there is nothing there - nothing like the nutjobs in Washington want people to believe.

So - while I put the blame when it comes to lack of energy - mainly on the nutjobs in

Washington - I also have to put blame on the electric companies, too, because they should have had the fortitude to tell the greenies to go jump in a lake. Instead - for instance - in a town close by me - that one town used to have two coal powered facilities. The town had the least expensive electric bills of any place in America. I don't know if anyone ever heard the phrase rolling brownouts - and definitely not blackouts - but those people that operate the electric utility in that town - after spending 25 million dollars in one year to upgrade the facility - just shut it down. Someone got paid off - is all I can say.

So, that town went from being very much - for lack of a better word - safe - in their electric generation - to now - they are precariously hanging by a thread. When the storm came to our area - those men were working pretty much - non-stop - some of them not going home - to keep electricity flowing. They were fighting the freezing cold - with no backup. I was told many times they were on the verge of a major collapse - similar to what happened in Texas. They did initiate rolling brownouts for a couple days. But they were able to avoid a major crisis - this time.

Because men lacked the backbone to stand up against the nutjobs in Washington - what you saw in Texas a couple weeks ago - could very well be headed your way soon.

This time last year, we just beginning to hear about what completely changed the entire world - covid lockdown.

Friends, if you have not heard the phrase "climate lockdown" - as soon as this message is over - you need to go research "climate lockdown." The deception they pulled on the world over the covid lie - might just be peanuts compared to what they have planned for the deception of "climate lockdown." Only difference is - they managed to get a major segment of electric generation closed down - and just like NASA losing the ability to get to the moon - it would be a painful process to rebuild that technology - the same is said about what it would take to get coal powered plants back on line again.

So, what is the solution? Well, the greenies showed what their solution is - a couple weeks ago in Texas. And that is - just go without out. Not enough electricity on the grid? Well, just go without.

Yeah, right. YOU go without. But do you think THEY will go without? Not a chance. They have already redefined civilization putting people into separate classes - essentials and non-essentials. The essentials - all quote "government" workers will continue as normal

- and all the non-essentials - will just have to go without. And friends, if you have not understood what the quote “smart meters” are that all the electric companies have been installing are about - once you are educated concerning “climate lockdown” - then those pieces will start to come together.

So what can you do? I have told people for a long long time now. Get solar panels for yourself. Yeah, you may not be able to keep the life-style you may be accustomed to - but you can at least continue with the basics and a little more. If you are in the city - get out.

There is a principal we should see from Matthew 24 - when you see destruction coming -

Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

[17] Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

[18] Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

If you can get out of the city - I believe it is a much safer place to be. I know for some people - being in the city is a life-saver - I get that. But once again, the answer is Ecclesia - the called out Christian community of believers who are together so they can bear one another's burdens and help and strengthen the body of Christ.

Now - finally - this is huge. What can you do? Sadly, some real devious people - have preyed - p-r-e-y-e-d on the naivety of young people in order to bring about what I believe is a despicable way of doing business. And that is - automatic bill pay. I have been encouraged that for everyone I have talked to over the age of 50 - they emphatically - not just a whimper of an answer - but they have emphatically told me they do not have any of their bills on autopay.

Anyone listening to my voice right now - if you do not immediately - as soon as this message is over - do not take the steps to disable auto-pay for whoever you pay on a monthly basis - then - when they clean you out of your credit digits - don't come crying to me or anyone else.

People ask, “How are those people in Texas complaining about receiving 16,000.00 electric bills - and then getting wiped out from it?” AUTOPAY. They had a credit card on the account - then had the credit card linked to a bank account - and when the electric

companies rates went crazy because they are on an automated system - people got wiped out.

You say, "Well, they can't get away with that." Yeah, what? The quote "government" is going to step in save those people? Maybe. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if they are already working on a program to save them. Why not? The "government" is their god - they will save them. But what about in the meantime? What about the people who had all their digital credits taken away? What are they supposed to do right now?

God forbid that true followers of Christ get caught up in all that because they lacked the Biblical discernment to know that that whole system - that whole way of quote "doing business" violates the Will of God on so many levels it's crazy.

We shouldn't have bank accounts. We shouldn't have credit cards. I know it. You know it. We all know it. But we've gotten ourselves into such a mess - most people don't even know where to begin. Well, I'm telling you - you can begin by cutting all that stuff out. Get rid of every single AUTO PAY program you are in. If you aren't out of that banking system - then at least take steps to protect yourself.

Pay your bills the way we used to do it. Go through the drive-thru and pay cash. Send a money order through the mail. If you have to pay electronically - go to the Dollar Store and buy a pre-paid anonymous debit card. At least you won't have to be concerned about identity theft, credit card theft - and all that other stuff that most people worry about so much.

Alright - part one has ended.

Part two. I made another mention of NASA. Sadly, I received a report that someone might have been listening to me preach - but may have turned me off when I mentioned that NASA was a lie. You know, when you hear something like that - and brothers and sisters - I am trying as hard as I can to reach people - I don't want to run people off - I want to reach them for Christ - but when I see - principalities and powers that are in place to keep people from finding the King and the Kingdom - look - I'm not going to sugar coat. It's my job as one who has been told to blow the trumpet - expose the works of darkness - you attack the Gospel? - I'm going to fight back. I'm not going to stand idly by and not say something for fear of losing someone or hurting someone's feelings.

I've told you before - I purposely try as hard as I can not to hurt people's feelings - especially those who at least take the time to hear the messages. But I can't sacrifice the truth for someone's feelings. NASA - good grief - people - if there can be such a thing as good grief - their logo has the forked tongue of a serpent on it. They are about as in your face as anything I've ever seen.

From the very first few stories in the Bible - the serpent is associated with deceit. Why do you think the WHO - the World Health Organization has a snake in their logo? Why? If your organization is good and Godly and truthful - why would you choose a snake - the Biblical symbol for deception? Why would that be purposefully used in your logo? I realize in one instance with Moses, the brass serpent was actually a saviour - that serpent was actually a picture of Christ.

But by far, the overwhelming usage of a serpent in the Bible has very negative connotations.

NASA says that the world is billions of years old. NASA says that the world began with the "big bang." NASA believes in evolution. The quote "scientists" - many of them - at least the ones that get the most media attention - say that what NASA has "discovered" is proof that God does not exist.

I will stand against that. I will preach against it. And if it hurts people's feelings, or causes someone to stop listening - then so be it. I don't like it. I wish they would take the time to investigate what is being said - instead of just dismissing it because it goes against what they think they believe to be true.

This past week, we had some of the best weather - I mean it was fantastic. Chrissy and I were standing outside looking up at possibly the clearest winter sky I've ever seen. Hundreds, thousands of stars. And I just looked up there - and I thought - wow - those stars look like you could just about reach out and touch them. They looked so close. Then, I quickly corrected myself and realized that those stars are billions and billions of lightyears away and some of them even burned out millions of years ago - but the light is finally reaching us - even though they burned out millions of years ago. How silly of me to think that my eyes were confirming what the Bible teaches about Creation.

How silly of me to think that what I see with my own eyes - I mean - you are just foolish to believe what you can see and what your senses tell you.

I thought it was interesting this past week, Teresa sent me a drawing that she found online. Remember how I told you that they claim the International Space Station is just a little bigger than a 747? And how that they say the space station is over 200 miles in the sky? Zooming around at about 18,000 miles per hour? Someone made a drawing of exactly what I was saying in my message and posted it online. I have no idea whether or not someone heard that message - then made that drawing. But it is certainly true that when we testify to others - that message can also zoom around the world. Maybe not at 18,000 miles per hour - but it can spread like wild-fire.

I was in a gas station yesterday. To my recollection, I don't think I have ever been there before. The man behind the counter was not wearing a mask. After I paid for the gas - I said to him - "Hey, thanks for not wearing a mask." He looked at me a little puzzled and I repeated it. Then, he just smiled really big at me and said, "Oh yeah, I remember you, you said that to me last time you were in here. Thanks a lot!"

Well. No I didn't. But apparently someone else did. My point? Take every opportunity you can to speak truth to someone. It will spread. Who knows? That guy may have been a masker who just lost his mask briefly. I don't know. Maybe he would have bitten my head off for saying such a thing - but he didn't. I am going to expose lies - because lies are attacks on the Kingdom of Christ - every chance I get. And by telling that guy thanks for not wearing a mask - that is exposing a lie. And, if you are doing the same thing - two witnesses are better than one.

We must speak the truth - even when it's hard. Even when we know it might be offensive. Of course, do whatever you can to speak the truth in love, speak the truth in kindness - but in a world that prefers lies to the truth - someone has to speak up.

Part two has ended.

Take your Bibles please, and turn to Revelation 22. Last week, we ended with Revelation 21. And, when we started this little mini-series - which is now a - major-series - when I was in Revelation 22, I said, "We can't talk about chapter 22 until we talk about chapter 21. Then, we read a few verses from 21 - and then went like gang-busters all over the place - finally getting back to 21 - now back to 22. And, we'll probably just be here for a brief time. Verse 1, chapter 22.

[1] And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

[2] In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

[3] And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

[4] And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Here is more detail concerning the New Covenant World that was instituted after the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple at AD70. This is the New Covenant World. This is the New Heaven and the New Earth. It's the holy nation, the holy Jerusalem. This is the New World that came in the first century.

The time-stamp from chapter 1 is once again alluded to in verse 4 - they shall see His face and His name shall be in their foreheads.

Whose foreheads? Is this talking about a group of people thousands of years after the first century? It's impossible. And let me prove it. There is something very important about the forehead in the book of Revelation and we need to look at it.

Revelation chapter 13, please, verse 1.

[1] And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

[2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

This week, several more emails came in concerning the book of Revelation. And one came in concerning the figurative, symbolic language of this beast. And I answered this way, "I have no idea what all these things specifically looked like. It was written to people living in the first century. I don't know what it all represents - it's thousands of years old history. But I will assure you of this - the people that received the book - absolutely knew what the imagery meant."

The beast rising up out of the sea. They understood. Having seven heads, ten horns, crowns - yes - they understood what it all meant. Revelation 1:3 -

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

They may not have understood the day it was written. But as the current events around them unfolded - they knew exactly what it all meant.

History has been lost to us. We live in a time period where men would prefer to tell a lie - rather than tell the truth. We cannot trust those around us - who are in charge of reporting yesterday's events - we can't trust them for what happened yesterday - let alone hundreds or thousands of years ago.

There are men who feel like they must have extra-Biblical proof - or some sort of historical record to validate the Bible - I am not one of those. I am so simplistic in my approach to the Will of God - that when I see the first verses of the book say - "Things which must shortly come to pass" - I don't need anything else to convince me that in fact - the things recorded in the book - did in fact happen - and they shortly came to pass. But, men like J. Stuart Russell - have examined the 600+ pages of The Works of Josephus - and they came up with some really good reading on the who, what, and where of how these passages were fulfilled.

In my opinion, it's still just conjecture. I want Scripture to interpret Scripture. And what I can't find in the text - I just believe the text. We are going to see something here in a little bit - related to what we read from chapter 22 (regarding the foreheads) that is going to without a doubt - from the Scripture - prove the time-stamp of this book. Verse 3 now.

[3] And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

[4] And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

[5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Once again, Russell takes this 42 month period - ties it in with some things in the book of Daniel - then ties it in with some things from Josephus - and puts this squarely in the time period for when this book had to be written and when this book was fulfilled. I don't need Josephus. But, if you want some fascinating reading on this timeline - go

read Russell. The book is free on the website. It's really good. But - I don't need it. If you need it - go get it. Verse 6.

[6] And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

[7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind - this was Nero. The time-stamp is all I need to know that this was one of the Caesars from the first century around the time of the fulfillment - around the year AD70. Verse 8.

[8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

It's funny how that all the quote "historians" agree that the Roman empire was for all intents and purposes - a total world power during this time period. When even the "churchmen" go through the world empires in the book of Daniel - they say that the last one was the Roman empire. Yet, instead of seeing what is so clearly right in front of their face - they refuse to see this was all talking about the first century - and instead - concoct a whole new scheme - and that's what it is - a scheme - and say that this is talking about the quote "revival of the Roman empire" - some thousands of years later. That's silly, it's foolish, it's ridiculous.

I want to read something I found this week regarding this chapter. It's from a "churchman" and he says. Well, hang on. This was in response to someone writing to him asking him if the covid quote "vaccine" - I say quote - because it is not a vaccine - in any sense of the word - it's not a vaccine. But someone wrote in to a preacher and asked him if the covid injection was the mark of the beast. Listen to this. It's pretty long, but it's interesting.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/church/pastors-or-leadership/ask-roger/is-the-covid-19-vaccine-the-mark-of-the-beast.html>

Dear Roger,

What in the world is all this about a COVID-19 vaccine being the work of the devil or the satanic mark of the beast from Revelation 13? Can you explain why this is such a scary

but popular idea right now? Is it really biblical?

Thanks, David

Dear David,

I'm assuming that you're talking about the current controversy working its way around social media regarding COVID-19 vaccination and the Mark of the Beast referred to in Revelation 13:16-18:

[The beast] also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

It all started with Kanye West.

I'm sure you recall when Kanye West, the famous rapper, recently gave his life to Christ. Many Christians were excited because his large following gave him the potential opportunity to reach millions of people. But now he has said:

"It's so many of our children that are being vaccinated and paralyzed. ...So when they say the way we're going to fix COVID is with a vaccine, I'm extremely cautious."

Alright, hang on a second. This past week, the VAERS report came out again - updated through 2-18-2021 and they have said that the deaths now - post covid-injection - are over 1,000 and I believe just under 20,000 reports of serious, debilitating adverse effects. This information is posted under ADVERSE EFFECTS on the Covid Hoax page on the website. Also, I believe I told you earlier, they admit that only about 1% of adverse effects after vaccine jabs are even reported to VAERS. Back to the article.

They're gonna come up with a vaccine, and everybody is gonna have to take it ... and inside of that vaccine there's going to be some type of electronic computer device, some type of chip in us, and that's the mark of the beast.

They want to put chips inside of us; they want to do all kinds of things, to make it where we can't cross the gates of Heaven. When I say "they," that's the humans that have the

devil inside them. And the saddest thing is that we all won't make it to Heaven, that there'll be some of us that do not make it.

Before we address the content of Kanye's message, a long-time spiritual growth principle applies here: "Listen to the people who listen to God."

I'm not going to make a comment one way or another about Kanye West. That's not important. But what is important is the quote "preacher" making it clear that apparently he and his ilk - are the only ones who quote "listen to God." In other words, "Listen to me because I've got some direct pipeline to God and you little people just don't have the influence with God that we have." Back to the article.

Many Scriptures point to this truth, including Proverbs 12:15, which says, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice." Or Proverbs 15:22, which declared, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Remember that new Christians are just beginners. They know very little about the Bible and even less about hearing God speak the truth. Hopefully, they will become wise as they grow to maturity in Christ. Until then, we need to double-check their interpretation of the Scriptures.

You know, my response to this is this. How could someone possibly be a quote "new Christian" if they know very little about the Bible? I have said this before, no, someone does not have to be a quote "theologian" (and I only use that word because that's what I was accused of many years ago) - someone does not have to know every single thing written in the Bible to come to Christ - but - I'll tell you this much - they better have been presented with the major truths of Christianity - because faith - if it is not based on the truth of the Word of God - is not saving faith.

"Churchianity" is not Christianity. This week, one of my favorite emailers wrote to me - and I really don't have favorites - I'm just speaking in a fun way - but he wrote to me - I love it - he's still a teenager - but he has a zeal for Christ - it's just so great to hear from him - but he asked me if I agreed with this statement:

"Has Christianity become a pagan and the anti-Christ itself?, because of the false doctrines that are being taught."

And I wrote back to him - and just smiled - because he's another one of those who

write to me - knowing full well their conclusions are Scripturally correct - but he writes in the form of a question. But I wrote back and said, "Change the word Christianity to churchianity, remove the word has, and remove the question mark. Your statement will then read:

"Churchianity has become pagan and the anti-Christ itself because of the false doctrines that are being taught."

Yes. That's it. This is why I have - as lovingly, as gently, as unoffensive as I can -said to people - if what you are basing your relationship with Christ has gone from the 501(c) (3) government quote "church" - then you better re-evaluate every single thing you think you know about the Bible.

God is a spirit. And they that worship Him MUST - MUST worship Him in spirit and in truth.

In the New Covenant World - the ignorant worship of God does not get it done. Acts 17:28-31

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

[30] And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

[31] Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Romans 1:16-32

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

That is a system of belief - based on truth.

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

- [19] Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
- [20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- [21] Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- [22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- [23] And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
- [24] Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- [25] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- [26] For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- [27] And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
- [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- [29] Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- [30] Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- [31] Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- [32] Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The excuses are gone. There isn't a "devil made me do it" any longer. We can't blame God. We can't blame the quote "churches." Each one of us is to seek truth - from the perspective where Christ said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God". In the New Covenant World - there is no excuse for not coming to the truth - the knowledge of the truth that brings saving faith. Back to the article.

In responding to Kanye, let's first understand the Mark of the Beast. Then we will

transition into discussing the science of vaccines. As a note, I brought in my daughter, Brie, to help with that specific issue, because she has graduate-level training in the sciences.

Finally, we will put both concepts together and see how they will mesh during the seven-year tribulation time described in Revelation.

Understanding the Mark of the Beast

1. The Beast (the Antichrist) Demands to Be Worshipped

Remember that the Antichrist is the leader who will consolidate many countries from Western Europe to destroy Israel, conquer the world, and fight against Jesus Christ for control of the earth (for more, see my Ask Roger about the Antichrist and Revelation).

To destroy Israel? Yes, God's chosen people, of course. That's what the quote "Antichrist is going to do." Please remember, the word Antichrist is not in the book of Revelation. Antichrist is anyone - and in this case - preachers who preach that the quote "jews in the middle east are God's chosen people." Anyway, now comes the scientist daughter of the preacher - who's going to help this poor guy out and get him back on the right way. I'm sure it's going to be the way of the injection.

You know what - if someone refused the injection because they believed it was the quote "mark of the beast" of Revelation 13 - then great. Back to the article.

For Satan's plans to succeed, he must have a religious structure to his kingdom. The reason is because man is unable to exist without something to worship or revere.

God has placed a throne-shaped vacuum inside every human heart that He intends to occupy. But if man doesn't worship God, then he'll worship something in its place: himself, a mountain, an idol, the sun, stars, car, job, sports, and so forth.

So, as the Antichrist structures his plans for a strategic final attack to dominate the earth, he attacks on three major fronts: political, religious, and economic. (He left out scientific. Probably purposefully because his daughter is a scientist.) All three attacks involve the Mark of the Beast. Let's look at Revelation 13 again:

[The beast] also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or

sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666. (Revelation 13:16-18)

Now listen to this. He's going to argue AGAINST Nero being the beast of Revelation 13.

During the first century, Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, established a system of emperor worship, whereby every year Roman citizens declared their allegiance to Caesar. This unified the nations of the Roman Empire politically, economically, and religiously.

Each citizen was to burn some incense while declaring "Caesar is Lord." If he or she refused, they couldn't buy or sell, providing economic sanctions against those who refused to worship the emperor.

This command to worship the emperor also produced a great quandary for Christians. Caesar was not their Lord. When they refused to worship Caesar, instead declaring, "Jesus is Lord" they were murdered mercilessly.

But of course, this doesn't sound anything like what Revelation 13 refers to. If it weren't for the fact that our forbears did die mercilessly because they wouldn't worship the beast of Revelation 13 - the one thing this guy is describing to a tee - it would be laugh out loud funny reading what this guy is saying. Because he's going to say this is not Nero.

During the seven-year tribulation, everyone—including Christians—will face the same choice.

Note that the number "666" is the symbol of compliance for worshipping the Antichrist. Each person will be required to receive the mark "666" on their forehead or in the middle of the right hand to prove they will submit to the Antichrist politically, economically, and religiously.

Those without the mark will be unable to buy or sell, facing economic and political sanctions. Scripture tells us that those who refuse for the sake of Jesus Christ will also be murdered maliciously.

2. The Beast Will Be Recognized by the Number 666

According to Revelation 13:18, once we find the world leader who signs his name with three sixes, we'll know who the Antichrist is.

There are several possible explanations for the relationship between a name and the number 666.

First, Gematria is the ancient practice of adding the sum total of the numerical equivalent of letters of a man's name. In Greek and Hebrew, the letters of the alphabet had definite numerical equivalents. I translated a few names into Greek and added them up for you:

Roger (R+O+G+E+R) = 100+70+3+5+100=278

Trump (T+R+U+M+P) = 300+100+400+40+500 =1340

Biden = (B+I+D+E+N) = 2 +10 +4 +5 +50= 61

While it's easy to turn a name into a number, it's much harder to turn a number back into a name. Incidentally, both Caesar Nero and Bartholomew added up to 666. Neither fits the other qualifications for the Antichrist, which must also occur to identify him clearly.

He just said that the Roman emperors had a system in place that demanded that people worship them, that people take their mark - or they would not be able to buy or sell - and if they didn't take the mark they would be mercilessly murdered - he said Nero's name was 666 - but in the end - Nero was not the beast of Revelation 13. Wow. Wow. Wow. All I can say.

Next, "666" is the number that represents humanity in the Bible. 666 may be taken to mean an individual who is trying to imitate the Trinity of God, with three sixes in one person. Some rulers, like Caesar Nero, made that claim without evidence.

Except for the fact that if you take Nero's name and do the same thing with the corresponding numbers - it in fact - comes out to 666.

Finally, the number "7" in both Scripture and Hebrew tradition, is the number that represents perfection. Consistently one less than perfection, 666, could be the personification of evil.

“Jesus” added up via gematria in Greek is 888 (one more than perfection in every digit);

Iota=10, Eta=8; Sigma=200; Omicron=70; Upsilon=400; Sigma=200.

In conclusion, the real Mark of the Beast will be “666” marked on the bodies of those who bow down to the Antichrist. It will be put into play during the great tribulation. Anything else is not the Mark of the Beast.

Now, let’s pivot to the issue of vaccination.

I'm going to leave the rest of this silly article in the text notes. Or you can click the link to read the rest, but I'm running out of time and I want to get back to the time stamp - once again proving that the book of Revelation was written and fulfilled in the first century.

Scientific Facts About Vaccination

Kanye West’s claim that vaccines paralyze children is simply without basis in scientific fact. I’m sure you’ve also heard claims that vaccines cause autism. That is simply untrue.

In 1998, a researcher named Andrew Wakefield published a study that claimed the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine caused the development of autism. It was retracted within months, because the scientific community found it to be based on manipulated data, false claims, and fraudulent scientific practice.

However, in 2005, celebrity Jenny McCarthy picked up on Wakefield’s paper as an explanation for her son’s autism and started the “anti-vaxxer” movement. Since then, millions of parents decided not to vaccinate their children out of fear that they would become autistic. Even though over 1,500 subsequent studies have proven that there is no link between vaccines and autism, the anti-vaxxer movement is still popular.

Development and widespread use of the MMR vaccine created “herd immunity,” and nearly eradicated measles in the United States and developed nations by 1993. Since the anti-vaxxer movement began, a resurgence of measles has occurred, especially threatening young children, the elderly, and the immunocompromised.

Sadly, the fearmongering surrounding vaccines as a whole has led to widespread fear of the COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine and Computer Chip Rumors

I need to note that a specific rumor spread quickly via social media regarding the government adding computer chips to the COVID-19 vaccine, to track people's movements. I believe that this rumor has arisen from a combination of three pieces of information:

1. Contact tracing: This is a tool to stop the spread of COVID-19. That means the government does look for everyone who interacts with infected individuals, so that they can warn them of potential infection and ask them to self-isolate through the likely incubation period. However, contact tracing ONLY involves self-reporting by the person with the positive result.

2. COVID-19 tracker apps: These were automatically added to most Apple and Samsung phones during a recent update. I believe that the companies involved had the best intentions, working to give us the opportunity to see where COVID-19 is expanding around us and giving health organizations the ability to track positive infections.

However, I think it was extremely foolish and invasive not to announce the existence of these trackers or give people the choice to install them. We do have the ability to uninstall them.

These actions broke trust between Americans, these major companies, and government. Unfortunately, the repercussions have included widespread mistrust and conspiracy theories.

3. Bill Gates' nanobots blog: Founder and president of The Gates Foundation, Bill Gates has funded the development and distribution of crucial vaccines for over 20 years. In his blog, "GatesNotes," he wrote several entries celebrating nanobots, which are tiny computers that can function inside the body for medical purposes.

These posts have since been removed.

In theory, they can attack cancer cells or even repair cellular damage.

However, Gates never mentioned adding nanobots or RFID chips to a vaccine for tracking purposes. That is an internet rumor that has been dispelled by Gates himself, scientists from all over the world, and national health organizations.

Nevertheless, the rumor continues to spread, thanks to social media.

Check Your Sources

One of my personal frustration points with social media is the lightning-fast spread of inaccurate information. People rarely check sources before they immediately share a post on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Reddit. Facebook, in particular, is trying to control misinformation, but many users are angry at perceived censorship. I highly recommend checking anything presented as “fact” with trusted primary resources.

For example, when I saw the Bill Gates rumor, I read the blogs in question, then turned to scientific sources like the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Lancet, and Science magazine for more information. I also waited for confirmation to come from a variety of news sources, which I constantly compare in order to identify bias. It didn't come.

Finally, the website snopes.com is a great resource, because it is specifically designed to debunk internet claims with tested sources. I concluded that the Bill Gates rumor was false, and a few days later, I saw many trusted sources do the same.

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4 Reasons COVID-19 Vaccination Is Not the Mark of the Beast

Here are some things to consider:

1. Deliberate identifying: The Mark in Revelation chapter 13 symbolizes deliberate identification with the Beast. And as such, identifying with Satan's kingdom is what will keep you out of heaven—not getting vaccinated as intimidated by West.

2. Intentional rejection: Taking on the Mark of the Beast is an intentional rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior during the seven-year period of Tribulation.

3. Loyalty and devotion: Contrary to some of the more fear-inducing theories that have

in the past gained steam in some evangelical circles, the Mark cannot be accidentally taken. It is closely tied to the worship of the Beast (Revelation 13:12, Revelation 19:20, Revelation 20:4), and the Mark represents loyalty and devotion to the Beast.

4. Vaccination isn't worship: COVID-19 infection is out of our control. We do not choose whether or not we get the virus. We can choose how much we expose others to it through our behavior. So choosing the vaccine is NOT choosing to identify with and worship anything at all.

One more time, choosing the COVID-19 vaccine is NOT choosing to take the Mark of the Beast. Period.

Kanye West, fearmongers on social media, and uninformed individuals who believe unverified posts or do not check their sources are perpetuating dangerous rumors that WILL cost people's lives and lengthen the pandemic's tragic effects on our world.

COVID-19 Vaccination Will Save Lives

In a study published in AIMS Public Health, researchers estimate that over 200 million cases of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, adenovirus, rabies and hepatitis A—and approximately 450,000 deaths from these diseases—were prevented in the U.S. alone between 1963 and 2015 by vaccination.

Smallpox was one of the world's deadliest and most contagious diseases. It was fully eradicated during the 1970s by worldwide vaccinations—still one of the most incredible feats of science.

The COVID-19 pandemic will only be truly under control if one of two things happens: Enough people contract the infection to create "herd immunity" in the population or a safe, effective vaccine is created and distributed to the majority of people on earth.

That's a tall order, either way. "Herd immunity" means that enough of the population (usually 70-80%) has survived the infection and gained antibodies to prevent getting it again. That greatly diminishes the possibility of infection for the elderly, immunocompromised, and people who have not yet contracted COVID-19.

Most successful vaccination initiatives depend at least partially on herd immunity, because there will be a percentage of the population who simply cannot develop the antibodies to protect themselves, vaccine or not.

Our world's pharmaceutical companies, health organizations, and universities are racing to complete a safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine. The fastest vaccine ever developed took five years. The goal now is 18 months.

But remember, once the vaccine is created and tested, it will take time to manufacture and distribute seven BILLION doses. By choosing to get the vaccine as soon as it is available, you will help create critical herd immunity to protect the vulnerable and end the pandemic more rapidly.

The COVID-19 vaccine WILL save lives and help end the pandemic.

I know we're in uncharted waters. This is frightening territory, and it's easy to be caught up in the emotion of it all. I think that's what drives social media rumors most of all!

Don't forget that God is in control. He loves you. He wants the best for you. And He is holding you in the palm of His hand.

Well, David, I hope this helps.

Love, Roger and Brie

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Verse 9 of Revelation 13. Now that the government preacher just proved conclusively that Nero was the beast of Revelation 13, verse 9.

[9] If any man have an ear, let him hear.

[10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

[11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

[12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

[13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

[14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

[15] And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

[16] And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

[17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

[18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

I have shown before and will not go back there again for sake of time, that this whole concept of “in the hand” and in the “forehead” is not new to the Bible. It does not just first appear in Revelation 13:16. It is a concept that originated with the way God wants us to teach our children His Ways, His Laws, His Will. It's found in Exodus 13, Deuteronomy 6 and Deuteronomy 11. It's symbolic language for who your God is. Who is your Ruler. Who's Laws do you submit to. That's what it means.

Now, Revelation 14 verse 1. Let's get to the time-stamp.

[1] And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

[2] And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the

voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

[3] And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

[4] These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

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How could these people be any other people than first century saints?

These are the first fruits. These are the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. How can anyone with a straight face - with at least a first grade education say that the first fruits unto God and the Lamb are people thousands of years after the Lamb came?

What kind of God do we serve? What kind of book do we learn from? The only ones who could be the first fruits would be the - well - THE FIRST FRUITS. These have to be the people who were the first ones that were followers of the Lamb.

I don't get it. I just don't get it. Again, I don't need Josephus. I don't need a history book. I don't need extra-Biblical writings to tell me that the book of Revelation was written and fulfilled in the first century.

If you have nothing else in the book besides Revelation 14:4 - how could anyone say that the first fruits were thousands of years after the Messiah came?

Again, it's because I'm telling you that futurism is not just an "agree to disagree" proposition. It's a complete denial that Jesus, that Yeshua the Christ was the Messiah. If the first fruits are yet to come upon the scene - then the Messiah is yet to come.

If the quote "jews in the middle east" are God's chosen people - and they do not believe that Jesus, that Yeshua was the Christ - then Jesus was not the Messiah. You

can't have it both ways. If those people are God's chosen people, then Jesus was not the Messiah.

Those who preach that the book of Revelation is unfulfilled - listen to me - I know it's harsh - but they are preaching the jews' religion. On this one point alone - there is no other way to put it - if the first fruits were not from the first century - the time of Christ - this generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled - then Jesus, Yeshua was not the Christ.

I will never come to that conclusion. He is the Christ. He is the King. His Kingdom is now and it is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to His Kingdom - right now.