

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

“The Rise of the Mandates” Prophecy Update #682

We reserve a few minutes to discuss current trends that you’d expect from reading Bible prophecy.

Why emphasize prophecy? The folks over at bible.org give this answer:

There are many reasons why we should study what the Bible says about this subject. Almost two-thirds of Scripture, in one form or another, is related to prophecy. This fact alone warrants our attention.

We are futurists. We interpret all unfulfilled prophetic passages as future events in a literal, physical, apocalyptic, and global context.

The Bible predicts the Great Tribulation. Here is a description of conditions on Earth during the future seven years of the Great Tribulation: “[the False Prophet] was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the [Antichrist], that the image... should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image... to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the [Antichrist], or the number of his name” (Revelation 12:15-17).

The takeaways for our purposes are these:

- There will be totalitarian global government that mandates the behavior of its citizens.
- The government will keep track of compliance through some sort of biometric “mark.”
- Only those with the “mark” will be able to participate in society. Those who refuse will be treated severely.

It sounds like the world we are living in today as governments attempt to eradicate COVID19 & its variants.

Totalitarian is a serious accusation. But look at what is happening:

⇒ Newsweek has reported that the vaccine is compulsory for over 200 million people.

⇒ In Australia, the government has admitted to using the army to put citizens in COVID camps. There are two mandatory supervised quarantine facilities. One is called, The Centre for National Resilience. A former camp resident described conditions to the Washington Post:

You're confined to prefab units that Australians call "dongas." They have gray linoleum floors and walls, harsh fluorescent lighting, battered venetian blinds and fire-engine-red furniture. The feeling is part trailer camp, part hospital, part prison. Teams wearing personal protective gear and wheeling carts deliver food once a day about 5pm and leave it on the veranda step. (Although they might forget you). Nurses rap sharply on the door for random early-morning temperature checks or coronavirus tests. Police and soldiers patrol, occasionally shouting at people to put on masks. And there is a 39-page booklet of rules and procedures. All this, for the price of a good hotel room.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/australia-darwin-covid-quarantine/2021/05/21/f72bc0ac-ad1b-11eb-82c1-896aca955bb9_story.html

⇒ Germany's new government has called on an army general to head its COVID crisis management team.

https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/short_news/germany-calls-on-army-general-to-head-crisis-management-team/

⇒ Austrian police are conducting random checks to enforce Covid lockdowns for the unvaccinated. Violators face stiff fines.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/17/austria-covid-lockdown-police-conduct-random-vaccine-status-checks.html>

In the Netherlands, the city of Eindhoven has a creepy announcement warning people to keep their distance. The announcements play every fifteen minutes through loudspeakers from 9am to 6pm.

The message is always the same, "To prevent the spread of the virus: keep one and a half meters away from each other. Stick to the basic rules. Only together can we get corona under control."

"It makes me crazy. It's like I ended up in a re-education camp," said one resident.

<https://dutchreview.com/news/eindhoven-creepy-announcer-coronavirus/>

We aren't being asked to take the Mark of the Beast, but all around the world it is commonplace for you to be compelled to show proof of vaccination to access goods and services. Re-education is becoming commonplace. People who refuse vaccination are now labeled "the unvaccinated" and are assumed to be among those who are "anti-vaccine." They are being singled-out as the reason why the virus has not been eradicated. You've undoubtedly heard many in authority label COVID19 as "a pandemic of the unvaccinated."

It's more serious than you think. A linguist writes, "referring to *the unvaccinated* is a subconscious dehumanization. It's easier for vaccinated people to judge *the unvaccinated* than *vaccine-resistant people*. When that language shift happens, walls between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated harden."

As always, I am not suggesting anything about COVID19 or its variants, or your vaccination status, or the efficacy of the vaccines. We think you are intelligent enough to come to your own conclusions and should be free to do so. There is not a "Christian" position on these things that we must all agree with.

I am pointing out that the world predicted by the Bible is not so far fetched after all.

The Bible predicts a global totalitarianism and I think we are seeing how fast something like that can occur, with the blessing of most of the world's population.

We believe the resurrection and rapture of the church are imminent. It could happen at any moment; nothing needs to happen before it. It will occur before the Great Tribulation.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, Get ready; Stay ready; Keep looking up.

Ready or not, Jesus is coming!