

**"What in the World is Happening?"**

**Part 3**

**Revelation 3:14-22**

**Introduction:** Today we are going to continue our look at what is happening in the world. We started this study by looking at 2 things which are not happening:

1. **This is NOT the end of the world.**
2. **We are NOT in the Tribulation.**

We also looked at one thing that is happening.

1. **The Church is being Chastened.**

Last week we looked at the 7<sup>th</sup> letter to the churches in Revelation. The 7<sup>th</sup> letter was addressed to the Church at Laodicea. This church in Revelation 3:14-22 represents the church in the days before the Rapture. The Church today is a mirror image of the Church of Laodicea.

Today we are going to continue our study by looking at something else that is happening in the midst of what we are seeing today.

2. **God is sending a warning to the world.**

I have taught previously that God always sends a warning before He brings judgment and it is man's responsibility to recognize the warning. Let me give you an example.

The flood of Noah's day was preceded by several warnings from the Lord.

- a. **There was the construction of the ark.**
- b. **There was the preaching of Noah.**

**2 Peter 2:5**

<sup>5</sup> *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

- c. **There was the obedience of the animals.**

**Genesis 7:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

<sup>8</sup> Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

<sup>9</sup> There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

God also warned Pharaoh before the plagues came upon Egypt. Pharaoh was warned before many of the plagues and was also given space to repent.

God also warned Israel before the Babylonian captivity through the prophets.

God is also warning the world today about the wrath that will one day come upon this earth. He is warning the people in several ways:

1. He is warning through preachers who are faithful in teaching the Word of God and who are willing to preach and teach the prophecy of God's Word.
2. God is warning through what is happening in our world today under the Coronavirus.

This is the thought which I want us to look closely at today. There are things happening today that are shadows of what is to come. There are things happening today that are setting the stage for what is coming. There are things which are happening that must take place in order for the Anti-Christ to set up his kingdom. Before we get to our points let me show you another passage.

#### **Matthew 24:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

<sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

<sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

#### **I. Radical change.**

#### **Daniel 7:25**

<sup>25</sup> *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, **and think to change times and laws**; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

Notice the words of Archer on this verse:

*"This dictator will impose a new legal system on all his subjects, doubtless based on totalitarian principles in which the service of the government or the state will be substituted for the absolute standards of God's moral law. All dissent or opposition to the decisions and policies of the little horn will be adjudged treasonable and punishable by death. His program will include a revision of the calendar; this seems to be implied by "to change the set times".*

**A. Ultimate loss of freedom and ultimate enslavement under world government.**

911 changed our way of life with new laws and regulations. But it was nothing compared to what we are seeing today. These events are going to accelerate as time moves on.

The antichrist will not need to invent anything for it will already exist.

**1. The stripping away of our rights.**

- ✓ This is taking place all around the world. In Germany a lawyer was sent to the psychiatric ward for organizing a protest against Covid 19 lockdown. They officials determined that resistance to mass house arrest is mental illness. **Source LewRockwell.com**
- ✓ They are using citizens to snitch on other citizens. Mayor of New York City promoted this.

This is also a shadow of what will take place in the Tribulation.

**Mark 13:7-8, 12-13**

<sup>7</sup> *And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.*

<sup>8</sup> *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

<sup>12</sup> **Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.**

<sup>13</sup> *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

- ✓ Harris County Texas judge ordered masks to be worn by everyone 10 years and older while in public, those who do not comply will be fined \$1000.00. **Source Houston Chronicle.**
- ✓ **Religious Freedoms under attack.**

*Mayor de Blasio singled out synagogues and churches saying he would shut them down if they continued to meet during the coronavirus outbreak.*

*"[Law enforcement] will inform them they need to stop the services and disperse," de Blasio, a Democrat, said at his March 27 press briefing. "If that does not happen, they will take additional action up to the point of fines and potentially closing the building permanently."*

#### **One county in California attempted to limit online worship.**

*Mendocino County, a coastal county with a population of 86,000, banned churches from singing while recording online worship services, unless the individuals sang from home.*

*The order was issued on Good Friday, just days before Easter Sunday, and extends through May 10.*

*Four individuals only were allowed to record from one place and "no singing or use of wind instruments, harmonicas or other instruments that could spread COVID-19 through projected droplets shall be permitted unless the recording of the event is done at one's residence," according to the county order that also applies to concert halls, auditoriums, temples and playhouses. **Source Fox News***

#### **The Tech Giants are removing sermons deemed inappropriate from online sites.**

*With coronavirus restrictions forcing the closure of church gatherings worldwide, and authorities threatening to punish those who continue to attend public worship, the Christian church has become more dependent on the internet than ever.*

*Churches are now employing popular social media and video sharing platforms to conduct their services and broadcast their sermons. But how will the tech giants and social media outlets respond, especially considering their tendency to censor unapproved messages?*

*Well, it would appear straight-up banning churches isn't off the table for some platforms, as a church in Moscow, Idaho discovered last week.*

*On Friday, Google suspended Christ Church's app from the Google Play store after accusing the pastors of a lack of sensitivity and/or capitalizing on the current coronavirus pandemic.*

*The church received a notice from the platform, stating: "We don't allow apps that lack reasonable sensitivity towards or capitalize on a natural disaster, atrocity, conflict, death, or other tragic event.*

*"Your app has been suspended and removed due to this policy issue," the notice added.*

*It's believed Google was referring to Pastor Douglas Wilson's short lessons on responding faithfully to the COVID-19 crisis, and Pastor Toby J. Sumpter's sermon calling God's people to humble repentance in the face of the pandemic. **Source CaldrenPool.com***

The radical changes are going to continue to happen and life is not going to get easier.

## **2 Timothy 3:1**

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

### **B. Global government**

Covid 19 has set the stage with a great global problem. No nation can handle what is happening and so it will take global action.

The politicians and the elites are all calling for global unity.

Un Secretary said this about Lady Ga Ga's "together at Home Event", "***We are proud to join forces with 'One World: Together At Home' to help suppress the transmission of the virus, minimize social-economic impacts on the global community and work together now to advance Global Goals for the future***", he said. "***We are in this together and we will get through this together.***"

This global government is coming together before our eyes and it is setting the stage for the kingdom of the Anti-Christ.

## **Daniel 7:23**

*<sup>23</sup> Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

**Revelation 13:4-8**

*<sup>4</sup> 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?*

*<sup>5</sup> 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.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

*<sup>7</sup> 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.*

*<sup>8</sup> 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.*

In our nation the big division is not between Democrat and Republican. It is between a national mindset and a global mindset. Many politicians despise President Trump because he is a Nationalist and they are Globalists. Trump wants to close borders and they want to open borders. They are Globalists. If you listen closely you can detect there are many in our government that are globalists. The elites are Globalists.

Let me show you a picture of what will happen in the Tribulation.

**Genesis 10:8-10**

*<sup>8</sup> And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.*

*<sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*

*<sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.*

**Genesis 11:1-4**

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*

<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

<sup>3</sup> And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

<sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

### C. Coronavirus Immunity Cards

Politico.com ran this story:

*"Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, revealed Friday April 19 the federal government is considering issuing Americans certificates of immunity from the coronavirus, as the Trump administration works to better identify those who have been infected and restart the U.S. economy in the coming weeks."*

According to newswithviews.com this "immunity card" may be an invisible tattoo:

*"By selectively loading microparticles into microneedles, the patches deliver a pattern in the skin that is invisible to the naked eye but can be scanned with a smartphone that has the infrared filter removed. The patch can be customized to imprint different patterns that correspond to the type of vaccine delivered. Tests using human cadaver skin showed that the quantum dot patterns could be detected by smartphone cameras after five years of simulated sun exposure."*

If this happens, we can be sure you will have very limited access if you do not have the tattoo. These tattoos will not be the Mark of the Beast, but they are getting very close and they are setting the stage for the Mark of the Beast.

### Revelation 13:16-17

<sup>16</sup> 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:

<sup>17</sup> 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.

**Conclusion:**

There are several reasons for all this taking place:

## *What is happening?*

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1. Preparation for the coming Anti-Christ and his kingdom.
2. It prepares us for our eternal home.