

Covid-19¹ and the Time of the End

Introduction

This work perceives the coronavirus covid-19 pandemic to be real and lethal as major news outlets report it, accepting that some time must elapse before the virus and related events can be seen in full perspective. This work therefore does not address the actual origin of covid-19 or indeed the level of accuracy of the news reports to the nth degree but rather focuses on Biblical prophecy with respect to *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 and on how the current pandemic fits into that context.

The coronavirus covid-19 pandemic has caused many deaths and has had far-reaching global effects but, as with previous pandemics in the course of time, it might cautiously be judged to be on the wane². One nation, New Zealand³, has declared itself to be virus-free – aside from infected incomers⁴ - and has removed all lockdown restrictions.

An antidote to the illness may even be in sight⁵.

One indirect indication that the pandemic is on the wane is that the main stream media is shifting its focus to other high-profile events, such as the death of George Floyd⁶ in police custody and large-scale protests concerning both George Floyd and wider issues⁷ resulting from his death.

The main stream media has of course had to focus on a reverse event⁸, actually involving a triple murder, where the victims were white and the murderer non-white. That indicates to this writer an instance of God’s judgement upon this nation where innocent victims suffer because abomination⁹ is everywhere, see graphic, and will be addressed later in this work in relation to a pandemic.

“Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth...The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine



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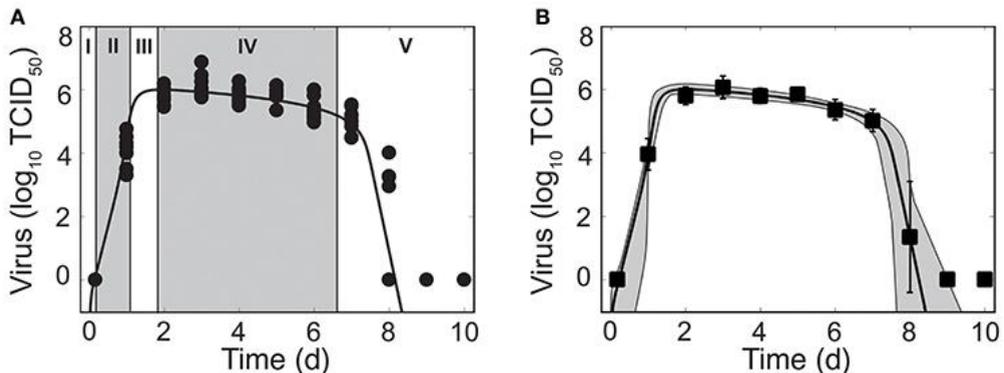
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within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him” Ezekiel 7:8-9, 15.

Concerning the pandemic itself, it is hoped that other nations¹⁰, including the UK¹¹, although precautions¹² must remain in place for now because the menace persists, will gradually be able to follow suit with New Zealand as national leaders declare easing of selected lockdown restrictions¹³.

Such an outcome would be in keeping with how viruses tend to behave as this research illustrates. Though the time scale is much longer, the coronavirus seems to be following the established model that lab tests on mice have depicted for the influenza virus¹⁴ as the accompanying graphs show. The virus infection rate plotted on a logarithmic vertical scale as TCID₅₀¹⁵ versus time in days shows that

- *virus (I) quickly infects cells*
- *(II) increases exponentially*
- *(III) peaks*
- *(IV) decays slowly*
- *then (V) decays rapidly and clears.*



It may tentatively be concluded therefore that the coronavirus is following the same trend. However as always the question must be asked, this time concerning the current pandemic, *“what saith the scripture?”* Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30. This work seeks to address that question with respect to the current pandemic according to the big picture as prophesied by Daniel and then the Lord Jesus Christ of *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9. The Lord said of that time *“...there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places”* Matthew 24:7. See therefore this study.

“the sign of thy coming”

During His earthly ministry, the Lord described in Matthew 24 the events that would precede His return ***“with power and great glory”*** Matthew 24:30. See Matthew 24:3-4, 7:

Matthew 24:3 ***“And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”***

Matthew 24:4 ***“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you...”***

Matthew 24:7 ***“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”***

The Lord therefore exhorted His followers to watch:

“And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch” Mark 13:37.

2000 years later, we continue to await the Lord’s return and watch. What do we see concerning the big picture? Are the fearful trends and events, about which the Lord warned, indeed coming to pass? Let us consider the Lord’s prophecies of Matthew 24:7 from the year 1900 to the present, i.e. the decades leading up to ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9, no doubt the main focus of the Lord’s prophecies of Matthew 24:7 together with ***“the time of the end”*** itself. The Lord predicted that:

“nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” – international and internal conflict^{16, 17}

The 20th century saw 160 million deaths from warfare. The 21st century has so far seen over a million deaths from warfare.

The 20th century also saw over 260 million deaths from murder by governments of their own citizens, as a kind of internal war, as a nation rising against itself. R. J. Rummel’s figures appear to reflect the worst possible totals but are very detailed.

In sum, the Lord’s prophecy of Matthew 24:7 ***“nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom”*** holds to this day and will continue to do so except for brief interludes which this work addresses later.

“and there shall be famines” – chronic food shortages¹⁸

Though disproportionately afflicting the developing world for now, famine is a widespread real and present calamity with over 820 million individuals suffering chronic food shortages, almost 11% of the world’s population¹⁹ of 7.8 billion. Those figures are corroborated by notable organizations²⁰ including WHO the World Health Organization, which also highlights the disproportionation. The CNN report highlights the clear and present lethality of famine by detailing no fewer than 50 million deaths from famine between 1921 and 2012. Those deaths were mostly in the developing world and the former Soviet Union but this work will show that a future famine will very likely afflict the developed world i.e. the West.

In sum, the Lord’s prophecy of Matthew 24:7 *“and there shall be famines”* still holds and will be addressed again later in this work.

“and pestilences” - pandemics²¹

Pandemics have persisted throughout history to the present day, which has seen the coronavirus pandemic. By far the worst killers of the 20th century to the present have been the Spanish Flu 1918-1919 which claimed an estimated 40-50 million victims worldwide and HIV/AIDS-related afflictions from 1981 to the present with an estimated 25-35 million fatalities worldwide.

Though not as severe as Spanish Flu and HIV/AIDS-related afflictions, other pandemics from the 1950s to the present have nevertheless caused almost 4 million deaths with the coronavirus adding more than a reported 400,000 deaths worldwide so far [June 12 2020].

Spanish Flu and other 20th century pandemics have followed the time-dependent virus infection rate profiles that the above figures depict. HIV/AIDS-related afflictions²² likewise appear to be decreasing from a peak in 2004, the decrease no doubt accelerated by improved treatment of the condition.

The Lord’s prophecy of *“pestilences”* Mathew 24:7 nevertheless clearly holds to this day and will be addressed again later in this work.

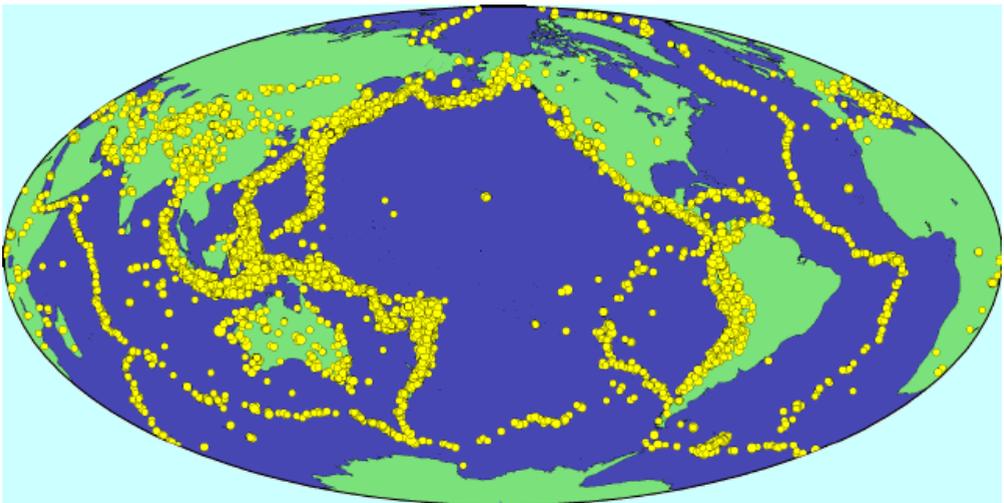
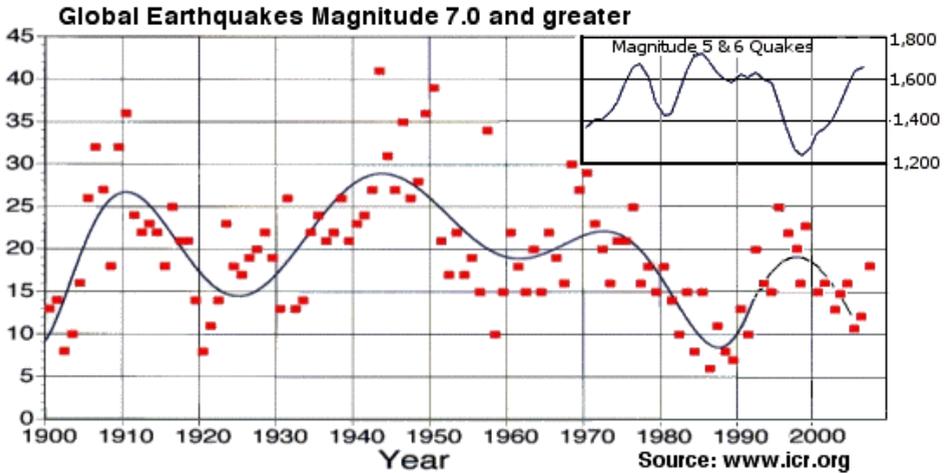
“and earthquakes in divers places” – environmental disasters²³

The following figures give a summary overview of the incidence of earthquakes from 1900 to the present and their epicentres.

The data source for the figure immediately below indicates an average of 20 earthquakes per year of Magnitude 7.0 and greater i.e. over 4000 such earthquakes since 1900. The Magnitude number refers to the Richter Scale. As the

insert graph shows, the annual number of earthquakes increases rapidly as their severity decreases.

Earthquakes cause 10,000 deaths per year worldwide on average i.e. over 2 million since 1900. Earthquakes are therefore not as lethal as warfare, famine and pestilence but still calamitous and on-going.



The figure immediately above is an earthquake map for the year 2008, the yellow dots showing the epicentre of each earthquake, by inspection of Magnitude 5 or greater. As the data source explains, the epicentres are not randomly distributed but they occur worldwide. Earthquake data trends and earthquake distribution aside, each of the above two figures confirms the Lord's prophecy of Matthew 24:7 "*earthquakes in divers places.*"

Overall, the Lord Jesus Christ prophesied that lasting peace desired of nations will not come until *in Jerusalem* the Lord fulfils Haggai 2:6-7, 9 ***“For thus saith the LORD of hosts...I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts...and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.”***

War, Famine, Pestilence, Earthquake

As Haggai 2:6-7, 9 reveal, men desire ***“Peace and safety”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:3. As Haggai 2:6-7, 9 further reveal along with Matthew 24:7, they will not get them pre-Second Advent, except, as other scriptures reveal, for brief interludes *before* Matthew 24:7 comes to pass, see remarks below on Zechariah 1:11, *and* like the eye of a hurricane with the onset of the beast’s rule of 42 months, Revelation 13:4-5 ***“...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”*** That brief interlude will then be followed by further calamity according to 1 Thessalonians 5:3 ***“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”***

Matching Matthew 24:7, war, famine, pestilence, earthquake feature prominently in prophecy for the years leading up to and encompassing the rule of the beast, likewise in keeping with 1 Thessalonians 5:3. See the following scriptures, noting that Revelation 6:1-2 refer to the upcoming rule of the beast, established via force of arms and on the back of global calamity²⁴. Revelation 6:3-8, 12 follow the same sequence of calamities as Matthew 24:7.

“a penny a day” Matthew 20:2 with Revelation 6:6 is of course equivalent to a day’s wage, emphasising the severity of the upcoming food shortage *for necessities* as the Lord depicts prophetically for ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 through Ezekiel with Revelation 6:5-6 according to Ezekiel 12:18 ***“Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness.”***

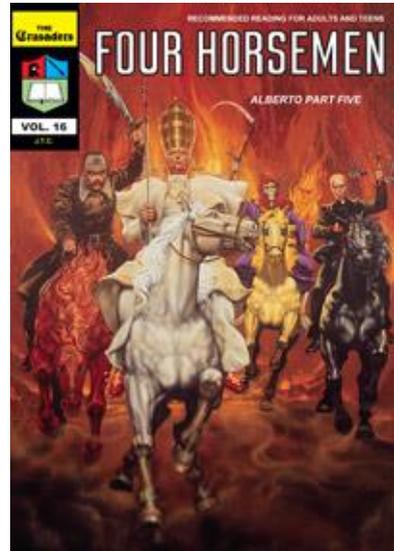


Table Revelation 6:1-8, 12

1 *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*

2 *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

3 *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*

4 *And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

5 *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*

6 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*

7 *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*

8 *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

12 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

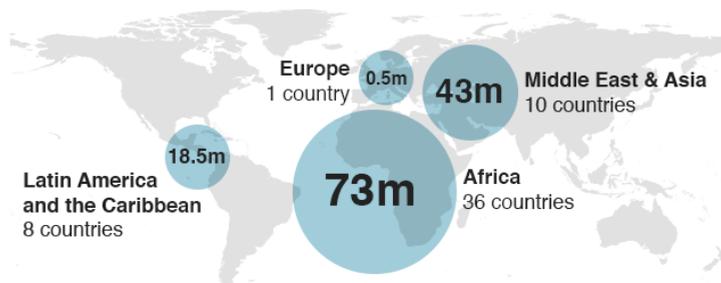
Given that Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:1-8, 12 give a precise forecast of world conditions overall leading up to and during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9, attention is now focused on the specific calamities of *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 as applied to the coronavirus, their relationship to each other and how those twin calamities will afflict the West according to Biblical prophecy. As serious as it is, coronavirus as such will not, however, feature in *“the time of the end”* but according to *“that which is noted in the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21, pestilences *will*, as will be shown.

Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other

Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:5-8 prophesy famine followed by pestilence. Though in reverse order compared with the scripture, current events nevertheless depict Biblical prophecy and show definite links between famine and pestilence²⁵. See the accompanying figure of populations at risk from famine because the coronavirus has so severely disrupted national infrastructure.

People facing food shortages by continent

Acutely food-insecure populations (million)



Source: FSIN, GRFC 2020

BBC

According to major news outlets in the West, the UN's WFP World Food Programme reports:

The world is at risk of widespread famines “of biblical proportions” caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the UN has warned.

David Beasley, head of the World Food Programme (WFP), said urgent action was needed to avoid a catastrophe.

A report estimates that the number suffering from hunger could go from 135 million to more than 250 million...

The United Nations warned the coronavirus pandemic could trigger famine as the worldwide freeze on commerce sent shock waves through financial markets.

The bleak warning came on Tuesday as deaths from the virus surpassed 174,000 worldwide [April 22 2020], with governments anxiously trying to chart a path out of the unprecedented global health and economic emergency.

One World Food Programme director warned ‘widespread famines of biblical proportions’ could force millions in already vulnerable countries into starvation due to the global crisis.

The economic impact of the pandemic could lead to a 'humanitarian catastrophe,' with the number of people suffering from acute hunger projected to nearly double to 265 million this year, the UN's World Food Programme warned...

That major secular news outlets none of which could ever be **“called the Friend of God”** James 2:23 should publish a UN-based statement ‘*widespread famines of biblical proportions*’ shows the fulfilment of prophecy of Matthew 24:7 with respect to **“famines, and pestilences”** and reveal how those calamities are linked, specifically for coronavirus but by extension for all pandemics.

The questions then arise, given that the present scourges of **“famines, and pestilences”** fulfil Biblical prophecy as in Matthew 24:7:

- How will those horrors occur during **“the time of the end”** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 in sequence according to Revelation 6:3-8, matching Matthew 24:7?
- How will the twin judgements of **“famines, and pestilences”** afflict the West during **“the time of the end,”** in that sequence?
- What should be today believer’s response as the Church Age draws to a close?

The answers to those questions will emerge from the following studies.

End Times Horses and Chariots - Extracts²⁶

What follows first is a prophetic vision of *“famines, and pestilences”* in the Church Age as a precursor to *“the time of the end.”*

End Times Horses

Zechariah 1:8 *“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white”* is *“in the night visions”* Daniel 7:7, 13 denoting the End Times in which is the Church Age as shown in Song of Solomon 6:10 *“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon...”* with Paul’s exhortation of Philippians 2:15 *“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world”*...

It appears from the context of Zechariah 1:8-11 that the troop of Zechariah 1:8, of which it appears that even the horses can speak, like others of the Lord’s beasts, Revelation 4:6-8, has concluded a worldwide end-of-the-Church Age reconnaissance with a surprising result that at first seems to conflict with Matthew 24:7.

“...they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest” Zechariah 1:11.

The report that *“all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest”* suggests a calm before the storm of *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 *“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”* Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 such as is depicted in Judges 18:26-27 *“And the children of Dan went their way...and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.”*

Zechariah 1:11 would therefore indicate the first of two brief interludes of *“peace and safety”* 1 Thessalonians 5:3 before renewed calamity. See opening remarks under **War, Famine, Pestilence, Earthquake**. Those brief interludes indicate the forbearance of the Lord *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* 1 Timothy 2:4.

Though not in the same order as in Revelation 6 *“red horses, speckled, and white”* correspond to the war horse, Revelation 6:4, the plague horse, Revelation 6:8 and the satanic world ruler’s conqueror’s horse, Revelation 6:2. It is significant that the black horse of famine, Revelation 6:5, is not listed in

Zechariah 1:8 and its mention is deferred until Zechariah 6:2, 6. The work of F. Jones²⁷ provides the reason for the omission of the black horse of famine in Zechariah 1:8, which is as follows.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore **“a pale horse”** but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows. Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 in the absence of black so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises, *red* and *white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25:

“Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.”

As indicated, the vision of Zechariah 1:8 applies to the End Times in which is the Church Age, the end of that age of which, as this work has already shown, Paul states **“that in the last days perilous times shall come”** 2 Timothy 3:1.

“perilous times” of the End Times merge into **“the time of the end”** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 post-Church Age where plague is rife, but not explicitly the coronavirus. Coronavirus together with its association with famine has served to fulfil in part the Lord’s prophecy of **“famines, and pestilences”** Matthew 24:7 but as Leviticus 13:24-25, Zechariah 1:8, Revelation 6:8 emphasise, the plague or pestilence of **“the time of the end”** is a *leprous* plague. Its distinct blemishes starkly exhibit God’s particular judgement on those who succumb to **“the mark of the beast”** Revelation 16:2, 19:20 according to Revelation 13:16 **“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.”**

Israel’s believing remnant of the End Times then specifically **“the time of the end,”** who are **“...the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”** Revelation 12:17 and **“the saints...they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”** Revelation 14:12 are enjoined to **“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments”** Malachi 4:4 including Leviticus 13. Those who would implement Leviticus 13 would be **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 because synagogues exist during **“the time**

of Jacob's trouble" Jeremiah 30:7 until *"...they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land"* Psalm 74:8 at which point *"the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue"* and their followers would *"fly into the wilderness...nourished for a time, and times, and half a time"* Revelation 12:14.

It would appear that during *"the time of Jacob's trouble"* Jeremiah 30:7 the cleansing from plague or leprosy *marked by "...a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image"* Revelation 16:2 for a *repentant* idolater is as it was for Naaman according to 2 Kings 5:14 *"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean"* by means of a *post-Rapture End Times not Church Age* application administered by *"the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue"* Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 *where baptism is both "the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God."*

Today's believer can of course rejoice in John 15:3 *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you"...*

In answer to the first bulleted question, with the twin horrors of *"famines, and pestilences"* Matthew 24:7 having been inflicted upon men during the Church Age they spill over into *"the time of the end"* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 in sequence according to Revelation 6:3-8, matching Matthew 24:7.

Zechariah 6:1-8 describe how those horrors will be visited upon the West, the operative pestilence being a *leprous* plague, not coronavirus. As Leviticus 13:24-25 show, a leprous plague is distinct from coronavirus covid-19, the symptoms²⁸ of which are not specifically leprous but include high temperature and repeated bouts of coughing. Death results in extreme cases from inflammation of the lungs and pneumonia²⁹.

See remarks on Zechariah 6:1-8 that follow.

End Times Horses, Chariots

Zechariah 6:1-8 *"And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The black horses*

which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”...

“the...mountains of brass” Zechariah 6:1 locate this vision in Israel *“A land...whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass”* Deuteronomy 8:9. This is where the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:1-3 are assembled before they are deployed to their various destinations in Zechariah 6:6-8.

“four chariots” Zechariah 6:1 whereby *“In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses”* Zechariah 6:2-3 will be associated with *“red horses, speckled, and white”* Zechariah 1:8 and though not given in the same order *“...a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him”* Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 because the scripture associates chariots and horsemen.

“And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen...and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen...” 2 Samuel 8:4, 10:18.

“And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen” 1 Kings 4:26.

“And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 1 Kings 10:26.

“...and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots...” 1 Chronicles 19:18.

“And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 2 Chronicles 9:25.

The riders of the horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 will therefore be *spirit* chariot horsemen as in 2 Kings 2:12, 13:14 ***“the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.”*** The chariots will be ***“chariots of fire”*** 2 Kings 6:17 driven by angelic charioteers of God ***“Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire”*** Hebrews 1:7.

The horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 are in turn associated with the horses of Zechariah 1:8, which are no doubt the same creatures and the horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 according to *colour* as follows, noting that ***“black horses”*** Zechariah 6:2 are now included, matching ***“a black horse”*** Revelation 6:5.

The matching of the red and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the red and white horses of Zechariah 1:8 is plain – being more than one in number, as the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3. The matching of the red, black and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the white, red and black horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5 is likewise plain even if as indicated not in the same order. It is the matching of the ***“grisled and bay”*** horses Zechariah 6:3 with the ***“speckled”*** horses of Zechariah 1:8 i.e. more than one as chariot horses like their red and white counterparts, see remarks above, and ***“a pale horse”*** Revelation 6:8 that requires further explanation.

Note first the association between ***“speckled, and grisled”*** Genesis 31:10, 12 and this statement from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

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Note now that the horses of the last chariot in Zechariah 6:3 are ***“grisled and bay.”*** The bay colour is the red colour of the horses in the first chariot of Zechariah 6:2 because bay is a red colour, applied to horses and that meaning is confirmed by Zechariah 6:6-7 ***“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth”*** where by inspection ***“the bay”*** plural can only refer to the red horses of the first chariot in Zechariah 6:2. The term grisled or grizzled according to current spelling is gray or grey and a *grey-haired* individual is said to be a *grizzled* individual, *gris* being French for

grey. Note the expression **“gray hairs”** Genesis 42:38, 44:29, 31, Hosea 7:9 and **“the gray head”** Proverbs 20:29.

By inspection, since the other individually-coloured horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 black, white and red or bay have been accounted for, the speckled red-white horses of Zechariah 1:8 are the **“grisled and bay horses”** of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white i.e. the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8.

Such horses do exist in the physical realm³⁰. The horse is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*.

These horses are identified as *spirit* horses in that **“These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth...So they walked to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 6:5, 7 or designated parts of it, Zechariah 6:5-7, confirming that they are the spirit horses of Zechariah 1:8 **“they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 1:10.



Concerning Zechariah 6:6-8 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”** consider the following:

As with the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 the horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 **“go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth”** Zechariah 6:5 harnessed to chariots and listed in different order from the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. It may be noted that though given in different order the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 go before the horses and chariots of Zechariah 6:2-3 following the sequence of Zechariah 1:8 consisting of **“a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.”**

The mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 would therefore not be one of reconnaissance as at the end of the Church Age, Zechariah 1:8-11. Instead, the mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 is of judgements inflicted during ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7 following in the wake of and of the same natures as those of the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 where the natures of the judgements are given in detail.

Note that whereas Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 give the natures of the judgements inflicted by the four riders and horses followed up by the four chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3, as indicated above Zechariah 6:6-8 reveal *where* the judgements of the four chariots and horses will fall, or fall initially.

Zechariah 6:6, 8 state ***“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them...Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”*** The indication is one of famine in the *developed* world i.e. mainly north of Israel where the chariots and horses are assembled, see remarks on Zechariah 6:1, followed by *papal conquest*, no doubt facilitated by food shortage where national governance is therefore surrendered in return for physical sustenance. Specifically how that famine comes about may be the end result of modern agribusiness that is profit-driven by maximising yields with no regard for environmental consequences. Isaiah describes the End Times outcome. ***“The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”*** Isaiah 24:5. See for example this work³¹ and these extracts.

Corporate Agribusiness--America’s Merchants of Greed

by A. V. Krebs

In another era they would have been called “the robber barons.” Today, the ADMs, the Cargills, the ConAgras, the IBPs, the Smithfield Foods, the Tysons, the Chiquitas and other corporate agribusiness behemoths which produce and manufacture our food have become the merchants of greed. Food, next to life itself, is our greatest common denominator, but to the merchants of greed it is but the coin of the realm, a means by which they can enrich themselves while the poor go hungry; family farmers are discarded as “excess human resources;” farm and food workers and peasants become the slaves they rent...

Whereas family farming/peasant agriculture has traditionally sought to nurture and care for the land, corporate agribusiness, exclusive by nature, seeks

to “mine” the land, solely interested in monetizing its natural wealth and thus measure efficiency by its profits...

Used and abused perhaps best summarizes the fate of the environment at the hands of corporate agribusiness, and in Smithfield Foods, the nation and the world’s largest pork producer and processor, we see case after case where its processing facilities and its factory farms have been despoilers of the water and air we and nature depend on for life...

The article shows that agribusiness that is dominant in the developed world is contemptuous of the Lord’s agri-wisdom of Leviticus 25:3-4, 20-22 **“Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard...And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.”**

The end result of profit-driven agribusiness in the developed world could therefore be famine according to the outcome of Proverbs 13:23 **“Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.”**

Thanks at least in part to agribusiness, the stage appears to be set in the developed world for the black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5.

Zechariah 6:8 **“Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”** cross-references to Acts 17:16 **“Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.”** Athens typifies the developed world **“...for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols”** Jeremiah 50:38. Developed world idolatry includes the God-defying agribusiness mentality - see article extracts above - that James describes.

“Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil” James 4:13-16.

This writer therefore makes a practice of using the expression³² DV *Deo volente* God willing in accordance with James 4:15 ***“For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”***

God’s spirit according to 1 Peter 4:14 ***“the spirit of glory and of God”*** is no doubt stirred by developed world idolatry just as Paul’s was by the Athenians’ idolatry. The black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5, therefore, ***“these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”*** Revelation 16:5-6 may be applied practically for *murderous* idolaters, especially with respect to contaminated ground water, see article extracts above. ***“And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.”***

The developed world idolaters will as part of God’s judgement will have inflicted upon them during ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 an actual idol to worship – *or else*.

“And he doeth great wonders...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. 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” Revelation 13:13-15.

The above remarks therefore answer the first aspect of the second bulleted question on how famine will afflict the West during ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9. Concerning pestilence, especially *leprous* pestilence, following in the wake of famine for the West according to the sequence of Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:3-8, note the following analyses.

Zechariah 6:6 ***“the grisled go forth toward the south country”*** focuses on the Lord’s warning to apostate Israel such as those Jews in the End Times during ***“the time of Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7 ***“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”*** Matthew 24:21.

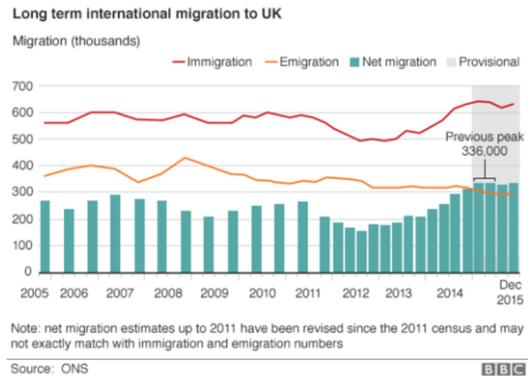
Those Jews declare ***“We have no king but Caesar”*** John 19:15. The Lord’s warning is with respect to *communicable* ***“diseases of Egypt”*** Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by *mobile End Times populations* when ***“even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro”*** Daniel 12:4.

The current migration³³ from North Africa to Southern Europe is an example of what is to come. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** Egypt geographically being in North Africa do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full.



However, that large scale migration will in this writer’s view be greatly intensified by efforts to escape famine resulting from coronavirus disproportionately afflicting the developing world. See remarks under **Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other**.

Note therefore in particular that hundreds of thousands of immigrants³⁴ have entered Britain in recent years. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full. However, whatever **“diseases of Egypt”** these immigrants do carry with them and are incubating are no doubt ready to burst forth and be rife during **“the time of the end”** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to **“Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 in the wake of armed conflict, Revelation 6:4, and famine in the West, Zechariah 6:6-8, Revelation 6:5-6, after manner of 2 Kings 6:25 **“And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass’s head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove’s dung for five pieces of silver.”**



The Lord’s warning on those diseases reveals a *speckled* condition, see remarks on Zechariah 1:8, 6:3, Leviticus 13:24-25, Revelation 6:8, 16:2 and the graphic for the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse.

The Lord’s warning to apostate Israel on these diseases is as follows.

“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt...Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee” Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. **“the time of the end”** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 result is the wider, indeed worldwide judgement of Revelation 16:2. **“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and**

there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image” Revelation 16:2 and context.

As indicated earlier, relief from that sore would require *post-Rapture End Times not Church Age* water baptism administered by *“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”* Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 *where baptism is both “the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”*

Though *doctrinally* part of *“the everlasting gospel”* Revelation 14:6 as distinct from *“the gospel of the grace of God”* Acts 20:24, Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good *practical* sense even now. *“...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

It should be noted that though the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 and the horses and riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 are listed in different order, the *“grisled and bay horses”* of *“the fourth chariot”* Zechariah 6:3 are listed last as is *“a pale horse”* upon which is seated *“Death, and Hell followed with him”* Revelation 6:8. It would be expected in each case that plague would follow satanic conquest, war and famine.

In sum, Zechariah 6:6, 8, Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:5-6, 8 together with the above analyses of **Famine and Pestilence Portend Each Other**, Agribusiness greed and mass immigration from the developing world to the West, immigrants infected with *communicable “diseases of Egypt”* Deuteronomy 28:60, strongly suggest that the West will see *“famines, and pestilences”* Matthew 24:7 in that sequence during *“the time of the end”* Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to *“Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7.

The above study would appear to answer in full the second bulleted question with respect to how the twin judgements of *“famines, and pestilences”* will afflict the West during *“the time of the end,”* in that sequence.

That is not all.

“vile affections”

One other factor that will no doubt contribute to a leprous plague in the West during that time will be **“vile affections”** Romans 1:26 already prevalent in the West where in **“the last days”** of the **“perilous times”** 2 Timothy 3:1, *Europe and America are Becoming a Giant Sodom and Gomorrah!*³⁵

This work³⁶ shows even now the form of God’s judgement upon those **“vile affections”** that are very much like a leprous plague. Although Leviticus 13:34 describes **“a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white”** the blotches pictured below, described as purplish, seem to this writer not unlike the spots on the coat of the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse pictured above. That suggests to this writer *an extremely virulent form of leprous plague* that the Lord inflicts upon **“vile affections”** Romans 1:26, *worse* than in the time of Leviticus historically, as in Deuteronomy 28:61 **“...every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.”** See the extract and graphic from the article, this writer’s emphases:

*...as far back as 1872 a skin expert at the University of Vienna called Moritz Kaposi spotted these same marks in a group of his patients. Kaposi recognised that the lesions were actually a type of cancer – the purplish colour was from the tumour’s blood vessels leaking into the surrounding tissue. A couple decades later this cancer became known as Kaposi’s sarcoma, or KS for short...[In the 1980s] US doctors soon realised that they were witnessing an unprecedented rise in people with KS, but they were flummoxed as to why. **The only clue was that all the young men who were being diagnosed with KS at this stage were homosexual.** Therefore **“...what saith the scripture?”** Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30. **“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”** Romans 1:27.*



Kaposi’s sarcoma is a cancer that causes patches of abnormal tissue to grow

For now, regrettably, **“vile affections”** persist and propagate in the community and in the church but the Lord’s admonitions are clear:

Doorstep Desolation Abomination

Blatant Signage

Local residents will have seen the LGBT+ sign blatantly displayed on the storefront next to Sainsbury's on Enfield Chase, Guisborough. It may be likened to *“the abomination of desolation”* Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14, on your doorstep. Such signs are everywhere. See the graphic. The site³⁷ carrying it is that of Skipton Girls' High School, North Yorkshire.

“...they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not...” Isaiah 3:9.

Church Infiltrated

Even the church has been infiltrated.

Gail Riplinger³⁸ states that the translation stylist for the NIV, Dr Virginia Mollenkott, *readily admits her “homosexuality.”*

Virginia Mollenkott, consultant for NIV translating committee, stated in an interview for the June 1991 *Episcopal Monthly*³⁹ that *my lesbianism has always been a part of me...what I did ultimately realise was that God created me as I was and that this is where life was meaningful.*

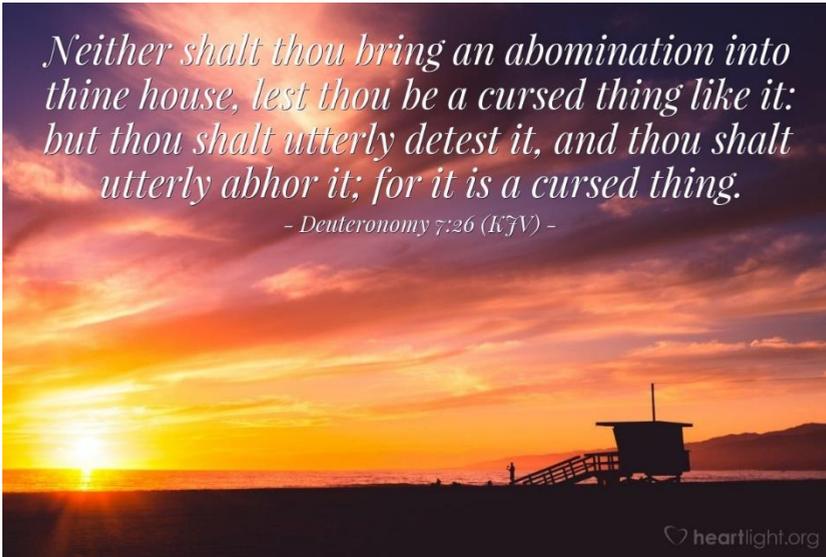
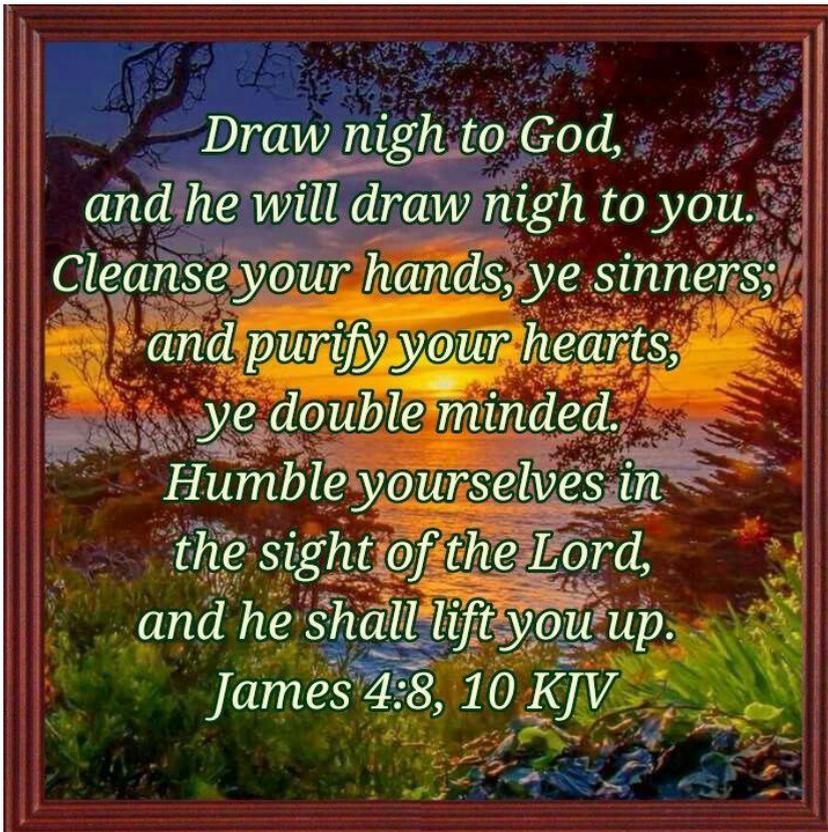
Mollenkott⁴⁰ has stated further that *forcing gay Christians into silence also denies them the opportunity to celebrate in gratitude to God for their authentic nature and for their life enriching mutual relationship with a loving partner.*

It is little wonder that the Biblical term **“sodomite”** does not appear in the NIV.

Gail Riplinger notes⁴¹ that linguistic analysis of the literary style of the pre-2011 NIV shows that it was written either by a woman or an effeminate man. Clearly that is not surprising. The increased gender-neutral trend of the 2011 NIV would no doubt reinforce the linguistic analysts' conclusion.

By contrast ***“The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name”*** Exodus 15:3.



“a cursed thing”⁴²**Conclusion⁴³**

“the breastplate of faith and love”

What of the answer to the third bulleted question with respect to today’s believer’s response to the horrors of ***“famines, and pestilences”*** Matthew 24:7 as they occur now and will be intensified, even in the West during ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7?

Note the following suggested strategies, for now until the Lord’s Return:

- Applying the expression ***“known unto God”*** Acts 15:18, Philippians 4:6 with respect to the current affliction we can be encouraged that the Lord has every coronavirus molecule and its mean free path tagged and labelled such that He can extinguish each and every one of them upon today’s believer’s obedience to Exodus 23:25 ***“...ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”***
- The following scriptures are *prophetic* for ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7 but keeping in mind Leviticus 13:24-25 cited above do have contemporary practical application according to this work for all manner of infectious diseases⁴⁴. Thankfully, the current coronavirus lockdown according to the principles set out below does appear to be effective, for now. The writer states, his emphasis:

Well-accomplished researcher and author Grant Jeffrey, in his 336-page book The Signature of God, recorded this concerning the Bible’s quarantine:

*“Arturo Castiglioni characterized this Biblical law with these words: “The laws against leprosy in **Leviticus 13** may be regarded as the first model of a sanitary legislation.”*

“Moses’ instruction to segregate infected patients from their families and other people was one of the most important medical advances in human history. Yet no other ancient nation followed this effective medical regulation. The only reasonable explanation is that Moses received this advanced medical knowledge from God’s inspiration.”

Imagine, the solution to the scourge of the Black Death was found in the Word of God all the time. The pandemics of today will prove no different. God’s Word is true and righteous altogether — a place to build a life that will last forever.

The scriptures are as follows, with application even to a particularly virulent form of leprous plague described above for any individual genuinely and humbly aiming to be free of it. Today's believer can and should at least bear witness *now* to the efficacy of those scriptures for ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7.

“And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. And if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not in the skin, but it be somewhat dark; it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is an inflammation of the burning” Leviticus 13:27-28.

“Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do” Deuteronomy 24:8.

Note the cross reference, therefore, *right at the end of the Old Testament*. ***“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments”*** Malachi 4:4.

The Book of Leviticus should therefore rule OK as the touchstone of the anti-virus AV1611 for ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7.

In addition, it appears to this writer as indicated above that *the baptism of Naaman would follow the Levitical diagnosis for complete cleansing according to 2 Kings 5:14* ***“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”***

The stretch of water in which the baptism ministry is effectual may not literally have to be the River Jordan at that time. Rather than the geographical location, the effectiveness of the cure, even as with Naaman, seems to depend on Psalm 51:17 ***“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”***

“a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God” together with baptism like Naaman’s would then conform to Peter’s exhortation of *salvation by baptism in “the time of the end.”* The key to that salvation is the *inner* cleansing via Psalm 51:17 rather than the *outer* cleansing though as with Naaman that of necessity is achieved as well.

“...even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 3:21 *because in principle as is true spiritually now in the Church Age “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* Romans 6:4.

It should of course be borne in mind that today’s believer, the Church Age saint, has this assurance of salvation from Paul who states in Colossians 3:3-4 ***“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”***

By contrast, the saint in ***“the time of the end”*** Daniel 8:17, 11:35, 40, 12:4, 9 corresponding to ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** Jeremiah 30:7 saved according to Leviticus 13:27-28, Deuteronomy 24:8, 2 Kings 5:14, 1 Peter 3:21 must until the Second Advent in order to retain his salvation⁴⁵ abide by Matthew 24:13 ***“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved”*** and Revelation 14:12 ***“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”***

- Finally for today’s believer, remember these assurances as Paul exhorts Timothy ***“...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare”*** 1 Timothy 1:18 ***“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place”*** 2 Corinthians 2:14.

In sum, as Paul exhorts today’s believer during ***“perilous times”*** 2 Timothy 3:1 nearing the end of the Church Age, insofar as ***“the book of the LORD”*** Isaiah 34:16 declares ***“Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day”*** 1 Kings 8:61, ***“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us”*** 2 Corinthians 1:20:

“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9.

Conclusion⁴⁶

Thank the Lord that what He did for the early disciples, He continues to do today as the explanation of these passages of Zechariah 1, 6 show. Luke 24:45 still applies and should be memorised. *“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”*

It is therefore reassuring that today’s believer has in that respect this additional assurance according to 1 Samuel 22:23 *“Abide thou with me, fear not...with me thou shalt be in safeguard.”*



**“The LORD is good, a strong hold in
the day of trouble; and he knoweth
them that trust in him.”**

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