

Plandemic of Biblical Proportions? (Matthew 24:1–14; Luke 21:10–12)

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Introduction

“But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives” (Luke 21:18, 19).

We are in the middle of an international crisis because of the outbreak of the Wuhan Covid-19 virus. On Wednesday, March 11, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global epidemic. The latest available statistics at the time of this preparation were 126,300 known cases in 115 countries with 4,633 deaths. The crisis is due not so much to the casualties as to its rapid spread and resulting effects on daily life, world travel, and economy. This raises some serious questions for Bible believers. Will this pandemic reach biblical proportions? Is it a prelude to worse plagues coming? Is there something else even more sinister involved with this scare?

The focus of this message is to address the current crisis in light of biblical prophecy and to encourage believers to trust the sovereign Lord. I am not suggesting that this crisis fulfills prophecy, but it does illustrate what prophecy predicts. Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and earth and is now actively judging this evil world to subdue His enemies, to gather His redeemed people, to purify them in holiness, and to prepare them as co-regents in His kingdom. The kingdom God is soon to replace forever the kingdom of darkness.

I. Satan’s Plan

1. The Beast System (Revelation 13:1–4)

Satan, the god of this world, controls this kingdom of darkness under a global *“beast [system] rising out of the sea [humanity]. . . . And to it [the beast system] the dragon [Satan] gave his power and his throne and great authority. . . . And they [the whole earth] worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?’”* (Revelation 13:1–4).

2. What would this beast system look like?

(The following information comes from Polly St. George of *“Amazing Polly”* on Youtube.com. She has done some *amazing* research.) An article on the European Court of Human Rights had some very startling information: This court has 47 judges, one from each of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe. Of the 100 judges serving the court between 2009 and 2019, 22 of them have strong ties to the Open Society Foundation or to other non-governmental associations like Amnesty International all of which receive either all or most of their funding from George Soros.

Nils Muižnieks, who served as director of Soros’ Open Society Foundation of Latvia until 2012, revealed that the Open Society Foundation wants to create a new man in the image of multibillionaire, George Soros, calling it *homo sorosenses*, a citizen of the world as opposed to one of a sovereign state. George Soros is an antichrist, without question, whose billions of dollars have and continue to have profound influence in effort to build a secular and socialist “new world order.”

3. The plagues of the sixth trumpet (Revelation 9:13–21)

“One of its heads [rulers in the beast system] seemed to have a mortal wound [a deadly blow], but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast” (Revelation 13:3). What is particularly noteworthy in this verse is that the second word translated *wound* is actually the word, *plague*, and is so translated in Revelation 9:18 and 20 (the word is used 16 times in Revelation). *“By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed . . . The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries [drugs] or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”* (These sins characterize our corrupt modern culture.)

4. The judgment of God

These verses are in the sixth trumpet where four angels bound in the Euphrates are released to wound (inflict harm) on mankind by a demonic horde of mounted troops riding horses with lion’s heads and tails like scorpions. The result of this assault were plagues that decimated a huge portion of the population. These plagues are the judgment of God. Leaving the wicked to pursue their conspiracies against the Lord is part of His plan to judge them.

II. A Satanic Conspiracy?

1. Event 201

Was Covid-19 engineered and weaponized to create a health emergency to advance the globalization of the world? On December 11, 2019, John Hopkins University sponsored a simulation exercise called “Event 201.” China’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention; the US Centers for Disease Control; the Central Intelligence Agency; the World Bank; the World Economic Forum; the United Nations Foundation; and leaders from banking, pharmaceutical, and health-care service industries; the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation; NBC; and Bloomberg News participated in this event.

This Event 201 was a kind of “think-through” role-play to model a scenario should a health scare like the covid-19 invade the world. The Wuhan Coronavirus scare we are currently experiencing eerily mimics the Event 201 exercise. Was this exercise actually a planning session on how to get the nations to submit to global governance—the end-time beast system?

2. The truth revealed

One invited financial expert, not one of the featured participants, asked about a critical omission on their agenda that should have receive top priority. There was no plan to survey and inventory the availability of physicians and medical attendants, or medical facilities, or safety measures on the local level. That obvious neglect may have exposed the real agenda of the event—not to prepare for a pandemic but rather to create maximum panic and fear in the population. The media’s narrative of a truly serious event would exaggerate panic to get cooperation and finances for a global organization to bring the world under globalist domination (the beast system). The media’s current fearmongering and the response of governmental leaders declaring states of emergency seems to support that conclusion. Someone has coined a better title—the coronavirus *plandemic*.

III. Coming Tribulation

1. The last days, nervous questions, and a sane focus (Matthew 24:1–31).

When Jesus revealed that the temple was to be completely destroyed (Matthew 24:1, 2), the disciples asked for specific information on when this destruction would take place, what signs would mark His second coming (referenced in Matthew 23:39), and the end of the age (Matthew 24:3). Jesus responded with only general information in reply to the questions. He warned them of (1) persistent efforts to deceive and lead them astray (vv. 4, 5), (2) of wars, famines, and natural disasters (vv. 7, 8), and (3) that His followers would be hated, persecuted, caused to stumble, be deceived, while witnessing moral deterioration (vv. 9–12). Considering this, He argued that evidence of true conversion was perseverance under these hardships. If they endured to the end, they would be delivered (v. 13). Our God is a God of seeming contradictions. What seems like a devastating set-back is actually the formula for victory. Because of this endurance, the gospel would be successfully preached in all the world. Then, and only then, would the end come (v. 14).

Later in the discourse, Jesus announced that His return at the end of the age would be visible in “power and great glory” (Matthew 24:30). However, before He returned, there would be *tribulation* “such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.” Those days would be severe, so much so that no flesh would survive if the time was not shortened, but “for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”

This period would be characterized by “signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:25, 26). To the *famines and earthquakes* of Matthew’s account, Luke adds, *pestilences* (public menace, pestilence or plague; the word appearing only here in Luke and in Revelation 6:8 with the opening of the fourth seal).

2. The revelation of the Worthy One and the opening of the seals (Revelation 5, 6)

What is the seven-sealed scroll? It is the title deed to earth. Jesus defeated the usurper god of this world. Jesus now holds full authority over all the creation. He reigns, not Satan. Nothing is random or chance—no accidents or bad karma. Jesus alone rules.

Here is another divine contradiction. The question was posed: “*Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?*” The fifth chapter highlights the unworthiness of any creature to take the scroll and open the seals, a fact that caused John to weep in despair. Only then is John shown the One worthy to open the scroll—the *Lion of the tribe of Judah*, a lion being the symbol of overt strength and conquest. John then reveals the contradiction: the lion is a *lamb*! But this presents yet another paradox—the lamb is *slaughtered* yet stands alive. This symbolism explains the means of the conquest, which is ever God’s way. Jesus overcame the enemy by what appears to be His defeat. This is the nature of His plan for His people in this age between His comings.

His path to the triumph of His kingdom over the darkness is filled with suffering, tribulation, persecution, trials, and apparent defeat. At the same time, the wrath of the Lamb will be poured out on the vile rebellious world as the beast system is battered to oblivion under the unrelenting judgment of holiness with the opening of each seal. The sixth seal brings the great day of His wrath.

“*When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being*

rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?'" (Revelation 6:12–17).

What must we do?

1. Understand that Jesus is reigning and is in full control, allowing everything to play out in judgment (Matthew 24:13; Luke 12:2–7; Luke 21:17–19).

2. Prepare your heart to persevere (Matthew 24:13).

Remember that Jesus' followers are to hang tough and persevere to the end. *"You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives"* (Luke 21:18–19).

3. Hold fast to the promises of Scripture (Revelation 3:10, 11; Philippians 4:4–7).

"Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown" (Revelation 3:10, 11).

4. Do not let fear control you (2 Timothy 1:7; Revelation 2:10; Philippians 4:6, 7; Psalm 56:3, 4)

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

"The Christian need not dread sickness, for he has nothing to lose, but everything to gain, by death" (C. H. Spurgeon).