

“New Normal:”

An introductory examination on the issues with the new global system that is coming as a result of Covid-19

The **entire bible** reads like this,

Isaiah 28:9-10 says ***“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”***. Most teachers fail to notice this, and instead, stick to the moralistic interpretation of scripture.

No verse is interpreted by itself, the **ENTIRE** bible points to Christ and his first and second coming, for you to truly understand this you must read the word for yourself. Most pastors cannot even grapple with the possibilities of this topic. The masses disagree with the view that I'm presenting but biblically speaking the masses are wrong every time.

People have this idea in their heads of what end times will look like. Most Christians see it as the left behind books, but it won't be like that. ***Matthew 24:37-39*** says:
“For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

Most christians will only understand the nearness of the Lord's return as much as antediluvian [pre-flood] communities understood the imminence of the flood even despite Noah's warnings.

2 Peter 3:4 says “knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? Forever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation”

This verse delivers an important message that reflects Jesus' teaching in **Matthew 24:24 “For false christs and halse prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.**



One of the most infamous images labeled as "a sign of the end" within the scriptures is the "mark of the beast". Unfortunately, while many people have speculated about the exact

manifestation or meaning of the mark, they have done so outside of the context provided by the scriptures. In fact, the old testament provides us with many images that help to discern the true meaning and significance of the mark. One of these images is found within the book Ezekiel. When Ezekiel is shown an Old Testament manifestation of Christ traveling through the then apostate city of Jerusalem: ***Ezekiel 9:4 and the LORD said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.”***



Revelation 7:3 “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

To put it simply, God's people are sealed on their forehead by the Son of God, Jesus. However, one may ask the question “for what reason is an individual marked?” To answer this, all we have to do is look to the end of the aforementioned verse. “Put a mark on the foreheads of the men who **sigh and groan over all the abominations** that are committed in it” These are people who abhorred the **idolatry** being practiced within the ancient kingdom of Judah, those who spiritually fulfilled God’s command within the law

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ... You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes (forehead)”



**Note: how these marks have a physical and spiritual representation **

There is not only a mark of the beast but also a mark of God given to those to abhor idols and only love the Lord as God. This then leads to the discovery of why the mark of the beast is given. Here is a scripture detailing the mark of the beast:

Let's go to ***Revelation 13:15-18*** . ***“ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast 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 beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”***

Then ***Revelation 20:15*** ***“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”***

***Note** The mark of the beast might not have to have any physical mark since the mark that Jesus puts on his elect is an invisible one.*

ALL people who were not found in the book of life worshiped the beast, this would go back to all of history

The question now becomes “ how did people who were born 3000 years ago worship the beast?

The image (or **Idol**) is made of the seven-headed beast found in Revelation 13. Those who worship the **idol** of the beast are given a mark on either their foreheads or hands and consequently are allowed to buy and sell. In this, we see that the mark of the beast is the exact opposite of the mark of God. The mark of God is given to those who despise idols, and the mark of the beast is given to those who worship the idol of the Beast. Let's consider another old testament example, when the Jews were held captive in Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar set up a golden image that was 60 cubits high and 6 cubits wide ***666*** and commanded all to fall down and worship it.

What exactly was the significance of this kind of idol worship we may ask? They were worshipping a king, the head of the government. As king and head of the government, Nebuchadnezzar could offer gold (not coincidentally) to those that worshipped and trusted in his image. Gold here represents not only the valuable metal itself but all that Gold represents such as material goods and pleasures. It is not a coincidence that the apostle Paul labeled the love of Mammon (material wealth) as the root of all kinds of evil. These people were idolizing material wealth, success, and pleasure found in and through the government and world. Their choice was between having life and success in this world or having faith in God

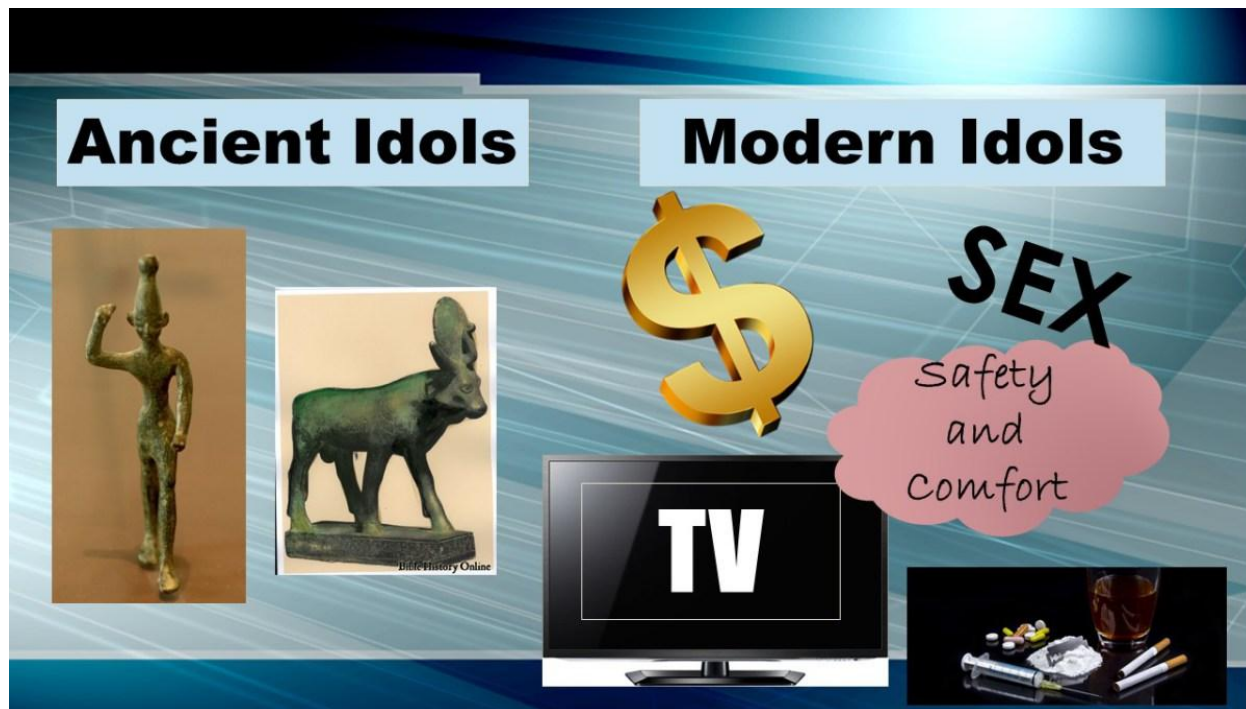
for a life in the world to come, as all of those who refused to bow would be put to death and lose everything. It is important to note that the beast with seven heads is a reflection of the kingdoms of this world, reflecting the biblical usage of beasts in Daniel to represent earthly kingdoms, further emphasizing the connection between the image, mark, and the world.



While It is extremely unlikely that people will bow down to physical idols anymore, people still practice idolatry in other ways. Idolatry is presenting oneself as a “god” that is fashioned according to one’s own desires and ideals and deciding to trust in it and love it above God. in the past men worshipped and knelt to statues of metal and precious stones, now men love and trust in money, drugs, sex, the government, individualism, the intellect, science and many other things (maybe even a vaccine).

Enter COVID-19: the COVID-19 pandemic has created massive structural changes within the world economy and the way in which we live our lives. Within nations such as France, Greece, Singapore, or the British commonwealth nations passes containing proof of

vaccinations are required to participate in activities such as eating at restaurants, going to movies, attending educational institutions, or even being able to participate in many other activities. These activities, which once were considered "normal" are now restricted to those who are vaccinated. As a consequence, many have run to or submitted to these vaccinations in order to "return to their normal life", oftentimes in spite of questions about the vaccines' efficacy, safety, and design.



These events are reminiscent of when God brought His people out of Egypt. When God brought His people out of Egypt, He brought them out of their "normal" everyday life. In Egypt, they had comfort, security, and provisions while in the wilderness they were without these pleasures. This caused many of the Israelites to desire to return to Egypt in order to reobtain these idols. Many of these decided to even build a golden calf in order to be able to worship a physical manifestation of these desires. They then were forced to drink a boiled version of this calf, essentially drinking their own idolatry into themselves. These were the people who died. And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you

have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Exodus 16:3
Much of this attitude is highly reflective of the language and motivation behind the rationale for those who decide to take the COVID-19 vaccine. We hear reasons such as:

"I want to go back to my normal life"

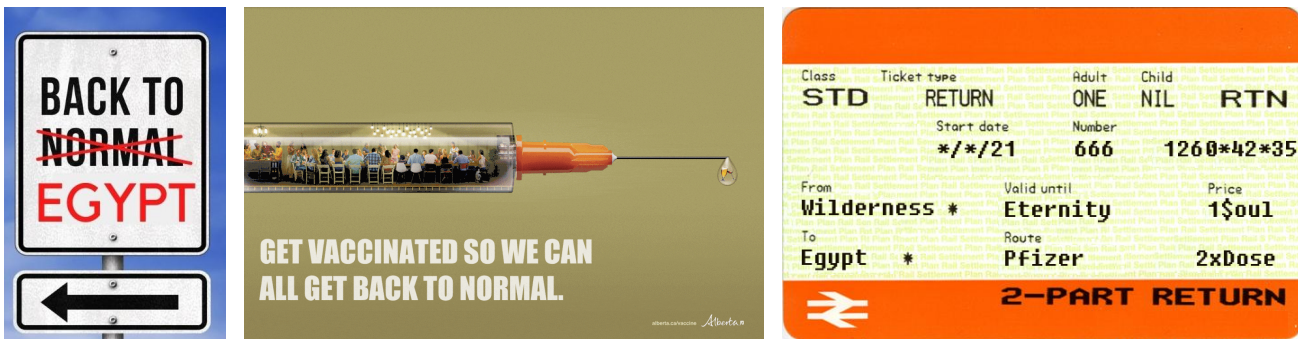
"I want to see my friends again"

"I want people to like me"

"I need this so I can keep my job in order to make money"

"I need this so I can get my degree that men will approve of"

These are in many ways a modern equivalent of "going back to Egypt"



But what was the point of GOD taking His people out of Egypt in the first place?

It was to separate them from the world (Sodom and Egypt), to cleanse them of their idols, and to make them holy (Set-apart) and bring them into the promised land (GOD's rest).

2 Corinthians 6:17 *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate [Holy], saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"*

Before continuing, we must understand some biblical symbolism. All over the scriptures especially in the old testament, we see God's people depicted as the "Bride" of God. As with any woman in a relationship, the bride may be faithful or unfaithful. The bible refers to the unfaithful people as the "whore" (or harlot), as they are behaving like an unfaithful woman. If the people of God remain faithful, they are depicted as a pure and chaste bride. What defines

a group of people as being faithful to God is that they are set apart from the world and its idols in order to love God. In contrast, someone is unfaithful when they are in love with the world. The scriptures express this quite clearly: 1 John 2:15 ***“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”***

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’”

-Hosea 2:14-16



GOD speaks of His work of separating His people from the world in Hosea chapter 2 when HE says that HE will take away all of HIS unfaithful bride’s pleasant things (such as the material pleasures, goods, and conveniences spoken of earlier) and religious feasts in order to “Allure her and draw her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her” God has separated His people from the world in the past and is doing so again. God doesn't change.



A similar shadow to this is when Samson destroyed the economy of the Philistines (who represent the world) by burning their fields after his wife was given over to another (instead of Christ) in Judges chapter 15. After the Philistines found out that Samson was to blame they burned his wife and her father with fire.

Judges 15:6 “Then the Philistines said, “Who has done this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion.” And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.”

this shadow is fulfilled in Revelation.

Revelation 17:16 “And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,”

This is the judgment of God upon those whom He finds to be unfaithful like a prostitute, those whom He finds devoted to their idols in this world. The law itself testifies of this punishment "

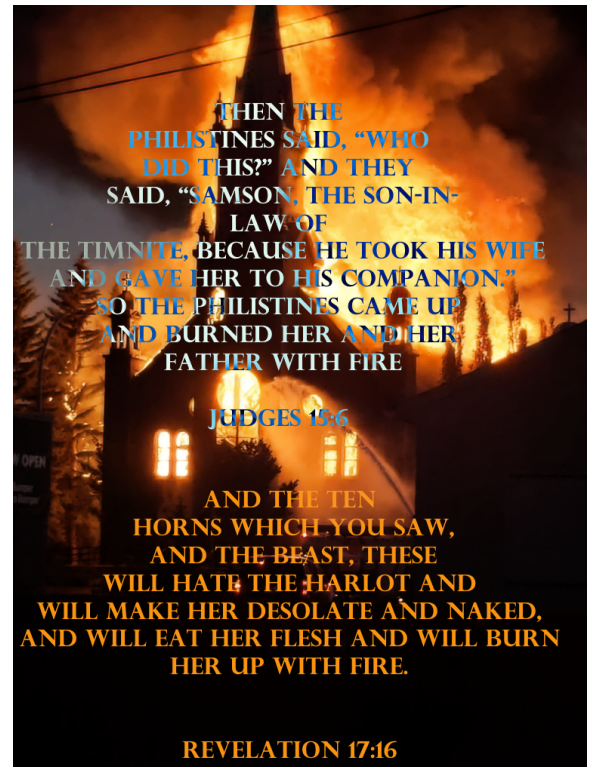
Leviticus 21:9 if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire."

The Lord wants his people to be called out of this world. Following this world is a guaranteed path to separation from the **LORD**. We are called to be separated from the wickedness and motivations of this world. We are to trust in the promises that the LORD has made to us and look back at all of the times that the LORD got his people out of the way before he cast his righteous judgment.

2 Corinthians 6:17 *"Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you"*

John 15:18-19 *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."*

Some of these judgments on the world that are soon to unfold from the book of revelation will be passed off as "natural events" and coincidence until towards the very end.



In the same way, the mark of the beast will not have a big sign over it that says “666 *Free Mark of the beast get yours now*”.

Genesis 3:1 says the serpent was the most cunning creature in all of the garden. Satan is cunning and the king of lies and deceit. The mark will look like the right thing to do, only those with their eyes open will see what is happening.

Take this to the LORD and meditate on the whole bible. Analyze these verses for yourself, be like the jews in Acts chapter 17:11 who tested the very words of the Apostle Paul. Jesus is coming back.

Amen