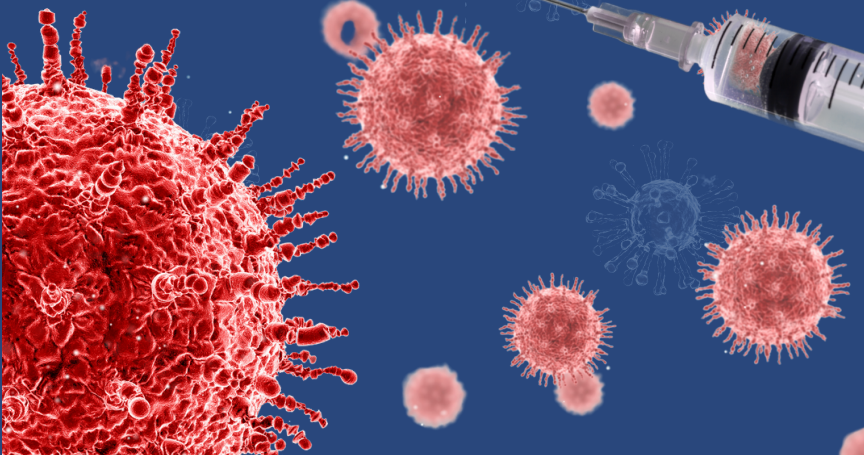




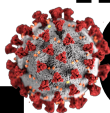
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## **The Lockdown – Was it a prophetic fulfillment?**

As you ponder the topic in discussion, here's a question I would like you to pause and think about. Considering all the things that have been happening in our world and the Biblical predictions of the things that are to be fulfilled in the near future, what sign are you waiting to see before you conclude – This is the end?

What evidence are you looking for that will convince you beyond the shadow of a doubt that we have come to the end of the world?

I hope you are able to pinpoint something. I know for most people they've not been able to do so as they're not personally aware of the teachings of the scriptures, while there are others who believe the world will continue forever with cycles of generation after generation and that will happen for infinity. There are those religious people who hold to their church's view of what to expect in the end and more specifically, the mark of the beast. Most people in the world and the churches are oblivious as to what the mark of the beast is.

From the world's perspective the church is the guardian of such teaching and since this idea is a Biblical one, they can only say what the churches are saying. The irony is that the churches all have varying views about the subject.

Some churches hold to the perspective that the mark of the beast is "Sunday Worship" but no "Sunday Worshipper" has the mark yet until a certain time when a law is passed declaring all must worship on Sunday exclusively. *(They've been waiting for that law and are still waiting for almost 200 years now)* There are others who are waiting for a seven year tribulation to usher in the mark but have no definite certainty about the time it will start. There are others who have no definite certainty about the mark but expect more understanding as we get closer to the time. There are also others who are not concerned about it because they teach and believe that they will be raptured away BEFORE such thing happens on earth.

Interestingly Jesus NEVER personally spoke about the mark of the beast! He instead spoke about something else that will be the great test in the end. This is subject that will be discussed in this booklet!

Regardless of what you believe or don't believe about the end, we will be doing an examination about the predictions Jesus made concerning the end of the world. What did Jesus say about the end? When and how will it come?

## ONE SIGN

Let us focus on what Jesus says in the Scriptures since it is the only source of accuracy regarding the end times. Jesus spoke about the end and when it would come. In fact his disciples asked him for **ONE SIGN** they should look for to know when the end has come. There are three (3) records from three different sources with the same question. Let's look at them:-

1. *"...tell us when shall these things be and what shall be THE SIGN of thy coming and of the end of the world." (Matt 24:3)*
2. *"Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?" (Mark 13:4)*
3. *"And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?" (Luke 21:7)*

The context of the question asked was based on

a discussion Jesus had with the disciples regarding the destruction of Jerusalem. In that discourse the disciples showed him the beauty and magnificence of the temple, but Jesus made it clear it will all be destroyed in so much so that *“not one stone will be left upon another that shall not be cast down.”* (Mk 13:2)

The disciples were so astonished that four of them came to Jesus privately and asked him when this destruction of Jerusalem will take place and what sign should they look for to know the world is about to end.

Jesus did not correct the understanding the disciples had that there is one sign. He told them that the sign that signals Jerusalem's destruction was very similar to the sign that would signal the end of the world and his second return.

What was that sign that would signal Jerusalem's destruction? Are you aware of it? Let's examine the conversation!

## **JERUSALEM**

The disciples were keen to hear what they were to look for as THE SIGN that Jerusalem's

destruction was near and so Jesus told them plainly, *“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”* (Mk 13:14) That was the sign to look for but what does it mean? They would have to examine the book of Daniel and be careful to understand what is said. What is clear is that something that is abominable would be done that will result in the dying off of the people leaving the place desolate or barren and empty.

In the book of Luke we have a clearer understanding of what they were to look for. Here is what Luke records, *“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.”* (Luke 21:20) What was the sign that they were to look for? It was Jerusalem being LOCKED DOWN when the armies surround or compass the city round about and no one could go in or out.

In fact, Jesus told them exactly what would happen after this sign came and what would happen to those who did not yield to the sign of the armies locking down Jerusalem - they will be leveled with the ground. Look at what he told

them years in advance.

*“When Jesus came closer and could see Jerusalem, he cried and said: It is too bad that today your people don't know what will bring them peace! Now it is hidden from them.*

*Jerusalem, the time will come when your enemies will build walls around you to attack you. Armies will surround you and close in on you from every side. They will level you to the ground and kill your people. Not one stone in your buildings will be left on top of another. This will happen because you did not see that God had come to save you.” (Luke 19:41-44 CEV)*

Even in this passage, you see it clearly said that this abominable act will lead to the killing off of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. So the disciples and the followers of Jesus knew years in advance that what they were to be looking and waiting for as THE sign of Jerusalem's destruction was an army locking them down.

Did this happen exactly as Jesus predicted? What does history say about it?



# HISTORY

History tells of that the sign took place when Cestius Gallus, the Roman General surrounded Jerusalem and locked it down in AD66 and withdrew in short order. All those who remembered what Jesus said left the city after the lock down lifted because they knew the destruction was near. This is the record of what happened. *"After this catastrophe had befallen Cestius, many of the distinguished Jews abandoned the city like swimmers from a sinking ship."* (Josephus, 2.20.1 556)

It was also noted that "an abomination that would lead to desolation" would be set up during this siege and that is exactly what happened. *"Sir Isaac Newton had a good understanding of the abomination of desolation. He explains the wing ("overspreading") of abominations to be the Roman ensigns (eagles) brought to the east gate of the temple, and there sacrificed to by the soldiers; the war, ending in the destruction of Jerusalem, lasted from spring A.D. 67 to autumn A.D. 70. [Josephus, Wars of the Jews, 6.6]*

What was the abomination that was setup in the holy place or where it should not be? It was the

planting of the pagan symbol of an eagle on the temple.

The Romans desecrated the temple by planting an idol on the eastern gates, showing ownership of God's holy place and by that marker, stole what belonged to God.

## THE LAST DAYS

It is very important for us to remember the things that happened to Jerusalem as it will be very similar to what happens in the end. In fact, Jesus cited this sign as having a dual fulfillment of Jerusalem's destruction and the end of the world.

In dealing with the end time application of this abomination, Jesus said some very frightening things:-

*"This will be the worst time of suffering since the beginning of the world, and nothing this terrible will ever happen again. If God doesn't make the time shorter, no one will be left alive. But because of God's chosen ones, he will make the time shorter."* (Matt 24:21-22 CEV)

**Wow that is shocking!!** I guess most people are

not even aware of these words of Jesus. He said what will happen at the end of the world has NEVER happened before and will never happen again – that is proof that we're dealing with the end. In fact Matthew says it will be a time of "Great Tribulation" and Mark says it will be a time of "Affliction" and Daniel says a time of "Trouble" such as never existed ever before. (Matt 24:21; Mk 13:19; Dan 12:1)

It is obvious that this is not talking about Jerusalem's destruction, since history proves otherwise. So it must be the secondary application which happens at the end of the world.

## **THE SIGN**

Based on the historical observations of the past, please follow carefully as we examine the present since both scenarios are similar. First Jerusalem was locked-down, during which time there was the erection of that idol on the holy place or where it is not supposed to be, indicating a time of desolation to begin. That was the sign for the Jerusalem followers of Jesus to leave Judea.

In our day there was a sign of great significance that has never happened since the world began. Do you know what that is?

It was the lock down of the entire world in 2020. It has never happened before in all the history of the world that the entire world was locked down all at once. This was **the sign** that Jesus said we should look for to know that the desolation of the earth is near.

What happened during and after the lock down is most significant, as it relates to the setting up of the abomination of desolation. In fact other translations refer to this abomination as, “That Awful Thing” which indicates the result of what will happen, and that is the depopulation of the earth which will bring desolation or barrenness.

According to the witnesses that heard Jesus’ prediction, they said this “Awful thing” will be placed where it is not supposed to be which is the holy place.

According to the scripture, what in the last days is referred to as the holy place?

## THE HOLY PLACE

Matthew says this abomination would be setup in “the holy place” and Mark says it will stand, “where it ought not.” (Matt 24:15; Mk 13:14)

In Jerusalem that holy place was the temple. It was the place where God dwelt among the people. *“Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.”* (Ex 25:8)

What is the temple of God today?

According to the Bible, the New Testament understanding of the temple is the human body. *“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”* (1Cor 6:19)

## PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Let’s tie together the things we have seen so far and see how they fit into our present day fulfillment.

1. There was one sign for both the destruction of Jerusalem and for the end of the world.
2. That sign is the lock down.
3. The abomination was the setting up of an idol in the holy place - which is the human

body, the place where it ought not to be.

4. Once that abomination is set up, it will lead to a time of great tribulation, affliction, trouble and suffering that has never existed on the earth; from its' creation through to our present day. This will result in the dying off of both people and animals leading to desolation, BUT because of the elect (God's Chosen people), those days will be cut short. So we will not see the full effect of this “awful thing.”

## **Pertinent Questions**

What is this awful abominable thing? Has it been set up...yet? Was something placed in the human body that is causing the worst tribulation, affliction and suffering in people such as has not been seen since the world was created? Are you seeing the dying off of people on a scale that has not been experienced before?

What is the answer to all these questions? A resounding **YES!!**

What is this awful abominable thing – it is the Covid19 Vaccine!

The intention is to defile the temple of the living God and place an idol in it under the guise of a **“HEALTH ISSUE.”** It is to plant nanotechnology in the human body with the intention of genetic modification and linking us up with machines. In so doing, they are changing our genetic make-up and removing the image of God in us!

*“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (2Cor 6:16)*

This is the abomination that is already resulting in the dying-off of millions of people around the world and causing **BILLIONS** of severe injuries in those that were injected. Because of this abomination there is a new cause of death among adults, it is called **SADS** – Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, suggesting the cause of death is unknown BUT that is because they refuse to name the vaccine as the cause. There are phenomena that have never been seen before like blood clots that are filling the arteries and veins of people. These clots are so large, coroners are having to pull them from the dead bodies so the embalming fluid can circulate.

Heart attacks happening to athletes while playing games or involved in sporting activities. TV anchors are dropping dead on live shows, people having heart attacks while driving and worse of all – the young children who are dying and having heart issues so early in life.

This is definitely the time of the greatest affliction the world has ever seen! This tells us that the end is very near. In a very short time it will come to its' close, because the promise is that for the sake of the true people of God, the time will be shortened – otherwise no flesh would be left alive. (Matt 24:21-22)

## **Frightening Scenario**

This is a frightening scenario, especially for those who are not aware of this prediction Jesus made about the end of the world. They are not privy to His warning about what would happen and what to look for.

It may seem hopeless to those who have taken the death jab - whether it was to keep their job to survive, or just do the things they wanted to.

If you took the jab through ignorance and/or



deception, or you were one of those who were scared and frightened into taking it – there is good news!

## **Good News!**

If you've never met Jesus he is your only hope. The only answer and way out of this terrible crisis is finding and becoming a part of the body of Jesus Christ which is THE CHURCH. (Jn 3:16)

Are you a believer that was deceived by your church and pastors into taking that jab? Not to worry! Where sin abounds, GRACE does much more abound! Only acknowledge your iniquity and you will be forgiven and saved by grace. Praise the Lord!

The forgiveness of God has no end. In the same way He saves sinners, heals the sick or raises the dead – He can transform your life from pain and suffering to peace and rest.

## **Faith**

Faith is the key to receiving a miracle from Jesus. "Without FAITH it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is

and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Heb 11:6)

There you have it friend. There is a way to know if you trust God and it is indicated by two things.

1. You believe that God exists – he is!
2. That he answers prayer – when you are diligent in seeking him.

Have you not seen the uncertainty that exists in the world around you? When will be the next major event that will shatter your life and destroy your hope? What will life be like for you when all the money in the world goes digital? Will climate change destroy the world or are they all more deceptions they are pushing and will use to control us, like they did with covid 19?"

There are many things to think about that will cause you to fear. However if you find rest and peace in Jesus, you don't need to worry about any of them because He promises to take care of His children.

God loves you so much that he provided a way for you to be safe and saved in his son Jesus. Only acknowledge that you have been separated from him and have lived for yourself - express a

desire for a different life - Ask him to come inside and change you entirely. I promise you, he will work a miracle in you that will be seen by everyone around you. Will you choose him today? Don't think about the things you need to "fix" first, just let it all go and ask Him to save you today. Right at this moment, and according to His faithfulness – He will!

## **Important Distinction**

Before we end this conversation, it is necessary to make a distinction here about the mark of the beast vs the abomination of desolation. The mark of the beast is the final act that decides the destiny of the world. There are two things that happen simultaneously – God seals his people, and the beast (The Agent of Satan) marks his people. You'll be recognized as for God or the enemy!

There is no forgiveness or repenting from the mark of the beast. Once you're marked, you are sealed to be destroyed forever – never to exist again.

The Abomination of Desolation on the other hand, is the final test before the seal of God or

the mark of the beast. It is the time of testing that is spoken about in Rev 3:10 – *“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”*

Then the next verse follows with an invitation to stay strong in the Lord. Rev 3:11 – *“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*

The important questions that you will need to answer are, “Where is your allegiance? To whom have you given your heart? Who is in control of your life?” If you can answer these questions honestly and truthfully, you will know whose side you’re on.

I trust that if you weren't on God's side before, you will now choose to be.

## **Another Lock-down??**

One final thought before we close.

According to history there were two lock-downs for Jerusalem.

The first one was the sign for God's people to leave the city and the second was the final assault when all that were left in the city died.

Jerusalem saw the fulfillment of the psalms when it said, *"Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them."* (Ps 79:3)

The second lock-down came three and a half years after the first. That timing is exactly what the prophecy says in Daniel. In describing the abomination of desolation, he made specific reference to a countdown of three and a half years after it was set up. (See Dan 12:11)

Please don't wait for the second lock-down to happen before finding Jesus and receive life eternal in Him. (Jn 17:3)

I speak a blessing over your life and that the Spirit will direct you from this point onward and forever!

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and how to surrender to him – write to [howard@thatawfulthing.info](mailto:howard@thatawfulthing.info) or call/whatsApp – 876-294-3074

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# The Lockdown: a Prophetic Fulfillment?

For hundreds of years we have all heard that “Jesus is coming soon and the world will end.” As decades past and centuries past the world began to reject this idea.

What if we never saw THE MOST IMPORTANT clue Jesus gave for us to look for? What if that sign is now taking place and we’re not aware?

The intent of this little booklet is to reveal the hidden sign and examine its implications with the hope of enlightening those who desire to be ready for Jesus’ imminent return.

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