

Revelation Is Not a Conspiracy Theory

Before determining that **Revelation is not a conspiracy** theory we need to know spiritual warfare is not a conspiracy theory because Revelation “reveals” the invisible spiritual warfare behind world events.

Spiritual warfare is not a conspiracy theory. Ephesians 6:10-20 is reality.

I need to preach a sermon on the armor of God, but I only want to consider one piece of armor now - the sword of the Spirit.

6:16-18: *In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take up the helmet of salvation, and take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

I was in a state of consciousness between being asleep and awake. I knew what was happening to me. I was attacked by a demonic spirit of Coronavirus fear. It attacked my mind and body. I felt aches in my body, pressure in my chest and lungs, and I was sweating. Every time it attacked me I used the “sword of the Spirit, the word of God” to resist it. As I recited Psalm 91 in my mind the spirit of fear fled and I felt peace. Then it attacked again and I resisted it with Psalm 91. I was fully aware I was reciting Psalm 91. I actually imagined FEAR as a microchip in my brain emitting shock waves of fear. Then I imagined the HS touching it and destroying it and pulling it out of my brain.

Spiritual Warfare in Revelation

Revelation is not a conspiracy theory. Revelation reveals a spiritual warfare between Jesus Christ and Satan. Revelation reveals what is going on behind the scenes. This warfare is basically invisible to us, but we get glimpses of its effects in our world. (Science works backwards from visible effects to causes; for example, effect - expanding universe, to cause - Big Bang. We can do the same with events in our world.)

Jesus Christ is exalted to the right hand of God the Father and He is preparing for His millennial reign (His kingdom) over the world and then the new heavens and earth (R20-22). The citizens of Christ’s kingdom are sealed with the Holy Spirit (R7:1-8) and have the name of God the Father on their foreheads (R14:1-5).

Satan has been thrown out of heaven and he is preparing his own reign, his own kingdom, over the world (R12). It's a new world order referred to as "Babylon the great" (R18). It's ruled by human beasts possessed by Satan. The citizens of Satan's kingdom receive a "mark of the beast" on their right hand or forehead.

Jesus Christ is preparing for his good kingdom reign and Satan is rebelling against it with his own evil kingdom. I think Satan is making his strongest effort now, in the 2020s, to establish his kingdom over this world. Jesus referred to Satan as "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). Jesus wins in the end! **Revelation is not a conspiracy theory!**

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Conspiracy theories contain truth, but it takes discernment to separate true content from conspiracy, fact from fiction. (People watch the News NOT for information, but for affirmation.)

Conspiracy theories:

What is America's greatest conspiracy theory? The assassination of JFK in Dallas 11/22/1963. Did Lee Harvey Oswald act alone? Were the Russians or Cubans involved? Was the CIA or the Mafia? Was there a second shooter on the "Grassy Knoll"? Oswald was shot and killed so we'll never know.

There's the Trump-Russian collusion conspiracy theory. The Trump campaign colluded with Russia to beat Hillary Clinton in 2016. It was a 2-year investigation that proved nothing! It cost taxpayers \$42 million. It was all made up by Democrats to overthrow a legally elected President. It was supposed to lead to the impeachment of President Trump, but it failed. The ninth commandment is "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (Exodus 20:16)." All who propagated this conspiracy hoax broke this commandment and will be judged by God.

There are several conspiracy theories about the Coronavirus. 1) It is a biological weapon released from the Wuhan Institute of Virology (P4 lab) to destroy Western economies. (*This doesn't make sense because it also destroyed China's economy in the short-term and probably long-term as companies pull out of China.*) 2) It was brought to Wuhan China by American soldiers. This conspiracy theory came from the CCP to shift blame. 3) Another theory is that it accidentally came from the Wuhan lab that studies

bat viruses when some of the lab's 'used' bats were sold at the seafood market.

Now there's even a Christian conspiracy theory related to Coronavirus. COVID-19 = COronaVirus Disease of 2019 (2019 novel coronavirus). Christian conspiracy theory version: COVID-19 = Certificate Of Vaccination ID - 19 (alphanumeric is AI = Artificial Intelligence). Every person will be forced to receive a vaccination chip with his/her ID and the government will be able to track him/her. So, you will not be able to travel or buy or sell without the vaccination chip. This is supposed to be the "mark of the beast" in Revelation 13:16-17.

Bill & Melinda Gates' foundation is obsessed with population control. Coronavirus, which is no more deadly than the annual flu, is being used to achieve this. His foundation is a major player in ID2020 (Digital Identity Alliance). The plan is to use immunization to collect the digital identity of every person in the world (1.1 billion who don't have it yet). His foundation plays a major role in the proposal of a quantum "digital dot tattoo" to track Coronavirus compliance. Supposedly he has a patent on this digital tattoo and a cryptocurrency system (e.g. bitcoin) and the # is 060606 = 666. It will be activated and linked to the 5G network. So, if there is a mandatory (or even voluntary) Coronavirus vaccine, then I'm not getting it.

Disclaimer: I do not have a perfect understanding or interpretation of **Revelation**, but I know it **isn't a conspiracy theory**. This message will interpret the big picture and avoid details (like looking at a mosaic from a distance).

The focus of Revelation is Jesus Christ's second coming to create a new heaven and earth and Satan's opposition to it. Prior to Christ returning and reigning over a new heaven and earth there will be 3 series of judgments: 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls of plagues.

These judgments occur with chronological intensification. The 7th seal begins the 7 trumpets, the 7th trumpet begins the 7 plague bowls. Each judgment is increasingly more severe. Each series of judgments should induce repentance, but it doesn't (7 seals: 6:15-16. 7 trumpets: 9:20-21. 7 bowls: 16:9-11).

My personal interpretation is that Jesus has been opening the seals since he ascended to the Father's right hand. That's the past 2000 years of human history. (They coincide with everything Jesus predicted about the future: Matthew 24 & Luke 21.) They have not produced repentance in the general population and government authorities. We are now entering the trumpet series which is an intensification of the judgments preceding the second coming of Christ. **Revelation is not a conspiracy theory.**

The centuries in between the 7 seals and the 7 trumpets Jesus Christ gathers and seals His people (R7). That's the 144,000 and the great multitude from every nation. This is the result of the church obeying Christ's Great Commission for the past 2000 years. The mission to make disciples of all nations continues today.

In between the 6th trumpet and the 7th two faithful witnesses appear and are martyred. They represent the faithful Church of Christ witnessing under persecution. (Measuring the temple of God refers to the Church which includes Jewish and Gentile believers.)

In between the 7th trumpet and the 7 plague bowls several events occur. Satan is thrown out of heaven and down to the earth and he possesses two beasts. (*The beasts are probably both a government and the leader of that government; for example, Nazi party & Adolf Hitler, CCP & atheist Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping, any atheist party & dictator. So, discern the government party first.*) The first beast rises out of the sea. This beast appears to be a political Antichrist. The second beast rises out of the earth and has features of a lamb and a dragon. This beast appears to be a religious antichrist who supports the political Antichrist. The religious antichrist (second beast) supports the Antichrist (first beast) with false signs. The most significant sign performed by the religious antichrist is the animation of an image of the Antichrist (13:15 he gives breath to it) and deceived people worship him. Another important thing the religious antichrist does is force everyone to be marked on the right hand or the forehead. No one can buy or sell unless he has the mark. It is the "mark of the Antichrist beast." The mark and name of the Antichrist beast is linked to an alphanumeric code of 666 (13:18). This "mark of the beast" is contrasted with the name of the Father written on the foreheads of people who belong to the true Lamb of God, Jesus Christ (14:1-5).

What is the mark of the beast? Will it be a RFID microchip with your ID implanted in your right hand or forehead or a digital dot tattoo? I don't know, but here's a truth: **We are closer to the mark of the beast than we have ever been in world history.** (CCP has installed 626 million facial recognition cameras to identify people. Combine that with smart phones and 5G and they will be able to monitor every person. Almost every citizen of China has a phone that can be tracked because they use their phones for everything.) **Revelation is not a conspiracy theory.**

Some concluding thoughts:

Pay attention to what's happening in the world. Jesus advocated the observance of signs (Matthew 16:1-4; 24). Consider how the signs in the world match what's in the Bible. What reads like a conspiracy theory may not be one. It's more likely a precursor of something worse to come. (Coronavirus has not killed ¼ of mankind according to the fourth seal pale horse of Revelation 6:7-8. The ¼ is killed by war, famine, pestilence and wild beasts. This has certainly happened the past 2000 years.)

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Be very careful creating and propagating "End Times" conspiracy theories. I watched a video of a pastor predicting the Rapture in 2021. He had a very simple method. Israel became a nation in 1948. The generation that sees the fig tree (Israel) blossom will not pass away until Christ returns (Matthew 24:32-35). A generation is 80 years (Psalm 90:10). Therefore Christ will return in 2028. Subtract the 7 years of Great Tribulation and the Rapture will happen in 2021. Do not predict the Rapture. Right after Matthew 24:32-35 Jesus said (v.36), "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only." Anticipate the Rapture every day! **Revelation is not a conspiracy theory!**

Keep the focus on preaching the Gospel and obeying Jesus' final command, Matthew 28:18-20.

Revelation is not a conspiracy theory. You can be marked either with the Father's name or the name and number of the Antichrist beast 666. You can

either belong to the kingdom of Jesus Christ or the totalitarian government of man in league with Satan. Who would you rather belong to?

Three sets of 7 judgments occur with chronological intensification but they don't produce repentance. This is shocking!! (Unless repentance is a gift of God and He withholds it to accomplish His purpose.)

Here's my analogy:

Sandie is sleeping (while the house is on fire). I say to her in a normal voice, "Wake up, Sandie, the house is on fire." She doesn't wake up. That's the 7 seals.

Then I use a loud voice, "Wake up, Sandie, the house is on fire" and shake her shoulders. She still doesn't wake up. That's the 7 trumpets.

Then I yell in her ear, "Wake up, Sandie, the house is on fire!" and pour a glass of ice water on her head. She still doesn't wake up! I either pick her up and carry her out of the burning house or she perishes in the fire. (Of course, I would carry her out!)

Revelation is not a conspiracy theory. The only place to escape the coming judgment of God is in Jesus Christ! (Wrath of God: Rev. 14:9-10; 15:1; 16:1.)

At the 6th seal just before the 7th seal begins the trumpet judgments: Rev. 6:15-17: *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?"*

The only way to escape the coming wrath of the Lamb is to be cleansed and covered by the blood of the Lamb. Passover: Hebrew first-born children were saved from the wrath of God by the blood on the doorposts. The children of God the Father are saved from His wrath by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. The blood of the Lamb is mentioned several times in Revelation. It cleanses (R7:14), covers and overcomes Satan the accuser (R12:11). Share the GOSPEL!