

# The Blessed Hope!

**“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)**

*Diamond & Nugget #84*

**“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened” –(Matthew 24:22)**

The "elect" in the New Testament usually refers to those who accept God's invitation and place their faith in Jesus. But many who see this passage dealing with the suffering of the siege of 70 AD, as well as most of those who see it dealing with Daniel's 70th week, believe the "elect," used in this verse, means the Jews. The world deserves extended judgment for its sins. **"But for the elect's sake,"** the days of this horrible tribulation will be shortened.

This is one of those passages that really affirm the Bible's is called a "living" Word! By that, as many of you have learned, God's Word is for the edification of all generations. So the disciples might not underestimate the horror of this Great Tribulation, Jesus explained that it would be the worst suffering in all of history—unequaled from the beginning of the world until now -(24:21). **He added further emphasis, saying that this Tribulation would have the potential of destroying all life,** leading some modern students to think of nuclear war. But whatever the means necessary to bring about such unparalleled destruction, **it is evident that such a Great Tribulation is still future to us.** So, there is much more in mind here than the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. As bad as it was, that destruction has been multiplied in intensity on a number of occasions in the twentieth century alone.

The world has yet to see the great distress which will never be observed again (24:21). Jesus said as much when he indicated that those days would necessarily be cut short, implying divine intervention. Christ Jesus will intervene to prevent complete genocide and the wholesale destruction of the human race.

**But even in judgment, the Lord will display mercy, particularly for the sake of the "elect" (plural of *eklektos*, "select, chosen ones"). These are those who have placed faith in Him and followed Him as his disciples. The use of the term "elect" also highlights the Lord's sovereign choice as to who these people will be. **It is He who draws the faithful to Himself; none of us come of our own will.** This Tribulation will not reach its full**

destructive potential because of the Lord's intervention. By His hand, those days will be shortened. **Because Jesus shifted into His segment answering the question regarding the timing and signs of His coming, we may infer that the Tribulation will be interrupted by Jesus' return.** He will end the destruction on earth.

Dr. Randall Price, professor and archeologist at Liberty University wrote an exhausting comprehensive book on *'The Coming Last Days Temple'* back in 1999. I considered it one of the best books I have read on the forthcoming temple that will be erected in the not too distant future. Dr. Price wrote a piece for a Messianic publication which helps us understand the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 and 25:

*"Jesus' instruction to His disciples from the Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet, giving it the name the Olivet Discourse) appears in Matthew 24—25; Mark 13; and Luke 17:20–37. It is one of the Bible's most important texts because it not only provides the Lord's final discourse but also His most extensive prophetic teaching.*

*It reveals His interpretation of crucial Old Testament prophetic passages concerning Israel and the nations and serves as an inspired master outline of end-times events. Furthermore, it explains God's judgment on Israel, especially His promised restoration of it at the advent of King Messiah and the establishment of His Messianic rule.*

*If properly interpreted, the Olivet Discourse enables the church in this age to distinguish itself from national Israel in the Tribulation—the future "time of Jacob's trouble"—and from the events that will characterize that time immediately preceding Christ's return to Earth.*

***Much prophetic confusion has resulted from a failure to understand that the Olivet Discourse involves Israel, not the church, and refers to a future (eschatological) age, not the past or present one.***

*Matthew 24:1–14 explains the historical setting (vv. 1–3) that precipitated the prophetic discourse and describes the signs, or "birth pains" (divine judgments of the first half of the Tribulation, vv. 4–13), and the global evangelization that will be accomplished by the midpoint of this period (v. 14).*

*The setting was the latest occasion of Jesus and His disciples to journey to Jerusalem to worship in the Temple. Aware of Jesus' pronouncement against the nation and particularly the Temple establishment (He had just said, "See! Your house [Temple] is left to you desolate," Mt. 23:37–38), the disciples perhaps thought a reminder of the national unity symbolized by the Temple might temper Jesus' disposition toward national judgment. Indeed, some Jewish sects, such as that at Qumran, expected the Temple to be destroyed because it had an illegitimate priesthood and had been ritually defiled; but the disciples knew Jesus continued to reverence the Temple as His "Father's house" (Jn. 2:16).<sup>1</sup>*

Too, the disciples were impressed, as were most in that day, with the Temple's unrivaled magnificence, which had become a source of national pride: "Some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations" (Lk. 21: 5–6). The disciples made their national statement to Jesus as He left the Temple precincts. There, waiting for Him, they began pointing out the latest structural additions to the compound, which, according to John 2:20, had been in process for 46 years: "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" (Mk. 13:1).

Perhaps the disciples also thought, as did Aristean in his letter to Philocrates (Letter of Aristean, 100–101 B.C.), that the Temple was inviolable and invincible. Consequently, they were trying to comprehend Jesus' judicial remarks. In any case, Jesus addressed both of these ideas in His unexpected reply that all of the stones they had shown Him would be violently torn down at the time of judgment.

No doubt, as the disciples thought on these words, they concluded that Jesus meant the final attack on Jerusalem that Zechariah predicted will come at the end of the age when the Lord will destroy the Gentile nations and establish Messianic rule (Zech. 14:3–9). The disciples believed these events were already in motion and would soon climax with Jesus' public revelation and reign as Messiah.

However, as they walked with Him up the Mount of Olives, the inner circle of disciples determined they needed clarification, especially concerning the issue of the Temple's destruction and Jesus' timetable for these events. Therefore, in verse 3, these disciples privately posed two questions: "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

The first question concerned the specific time of the Temple's destruction; the second (composed of two related parts) concerned "the sign" that would mark Jesus' advent to Israel (Greek, *parousia*, "bodily presence") as Messiah at the end of the age.<sup>2</sup> Jesus' response to these questions form the prophetic teaching of the Olivet Discourse. The first question is addressed in Luke 21:10–24 and the second, in Matthew 24:4–31 and Mark 13:1–27.

There has been considerable discussion as to whether the Olivet Discourse was fulfilled in the past or is yet to be fulfilled, as futurists believe. Historicists have held that most of the events described (except Christ's advent) have been fulfilled. Preterists contend all events (including the advent) were specifically fulfilled in A.D. 70. The disciples had also presumed a connection between the Temple's destruction and the Messianic advent. Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse to correct this misunderstanding and protect the disciples from becoming deceived as a result of the events that would take place in their generation, since Jesus would not bodily return to restore Israel and establish the Messianic Kingdom after Rome razed the Temple.<sup>3</sup>

Therefore, Jesus began His discourse with a warning: "Take heed that no one deceives you" (v. 4). Failing to understand this warning, preterists have been led astray in their

*interpretation, being forced to spiritualize prophecy in an attempt to force a first-century fulfillment. However, what the disciples saw as connected events, Jesus explained were chronological and sequential but would not all occur within the same time frame.*

*Despite the terrible conditions of the Tribulation, one of the greatest evangelistic outreaches in history is predicted: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Mt. 24:14).*

*This global message, while having the same elements as the gospel of grace, that is, faith in Jesus as Savior, focuses on repentance concerning Messiah’s coming to overthrow the nations and establish the Messianic Kingdom for Israel. It is this repentance that will reverse the condition of Israel’s house being left desolate (Mt. 23:38–39; cf. Acts 3:19–21).*

*This was the same message initially preached by John the baptizer and by Jesus during His earthly ministry. However, “the gospel of the kingdom” cannot again be proclaimed until the nation has moved into the chronological confines of Daniel’s 70th week. The Greek term for “world” in verse 14, while meaning “the inhabited earth,” cannot be limited to a particular region but must include the entire world of Gentile occupation.*

*It is this “world” that Christ is coming to judge (Acts 17:31), which is implied by the phrase then the end will come. For this reason this global evangel cannot be limited to the first-century Roman Empire. Nor could it have been accomplished within 25 to 30 years of Christ’s ascension. Nor did it fulfill the Great Commission by A.D. 70, as preterists contend.*

*The good news that the Lord Jesus has left for believers in this future time of Jacob’s trouble is that “birth pangs” will not hinder the gospel of the Kingdom. Instead, the judgments will magnify its message, enforce its urgency, and fulfill the promise of Jeremiah’s prophecy that Israel “shall be saved out of it” (Jer. 30:7).*

## **ENDNOTES**

1. For further discussion see Randall Price, *The Coming Last Days Temple* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1999).
2. Gerald B. Stanton, *Kept From the Hour* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1956), 21.
3. Randolph O. Yeager, “Matthew 19—28” in *The Renaissance New Testament* (Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, 1998), 277.

In Matthew 24:21, Jesus explained the reason for such a hasty retreat. A tribulation much greater than any the world has ever seen or ever will see would be about to break on the Jews. This description fits the Old Testament pictures of the Great Tribulation, the last three and a half years of the Tribulation -(Revelation 11:2; 13:5). Make no mistake about the seven years, they will ALL be tribulation. It is senseless to imply the first half is going to be a cake walk.

The Apostle Paul addressed the topic of the “elect” and the doctrine of “election” and we will explore the words of the Apostle Paul at the end of this Blessed Hope! He discussed the “election” as a major New Testament doctrine. “elect,” “elected,” and “election” appear **23X** times in the New Testament. “Elect” is the Greek **eklogé**, which is also translated “chosen” -(John 15:16,19; Acts 9:15; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:27; and Ephesians 1:4). “Elect” is one of the chief terms for the saved. It is a synonym for salvation. The saved are the “elect”.

Again, the term "Tribulation" refers to the future seven-year period of distress, Daniel's seventieth week -(Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 9:26). The term "Great Tribulation" refers to the last half or three and one-half years of that seven-year period -(Matthew 24:15-22), which Jeremiah called "the time of Jacob's trouble" -(Jeremiah 30:6-7). During the first half of the Tribulation Israel will enjoy the protection of Antichrist's covenant -(Daniel 9:27), but during the second half, after Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel, she will experience unprecedented persecution -(Daniel 9:27).

The description in this verse is not a fitting description of the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, as bad as that was. Certainly the Nazi holocaust in which an estimated six million Jews perished and other purges in which added multitudes have died have been worse times than the destruction of Jerusalem. Yet the Great Tribulation will be the worst of all times for the Jews. The coming distress would be unprecedented in its suffering -(cf. Daniel 12:1; Revelation 7:14).

In a century that has seen two world wars, now lives under the threat of extinction by nuclear holocaust, and has had more Christian martyrs than in all the previous nineteen centuries put together, Jesus' prediction does not seem farfetched. But the age will not run its course; it will be cut short."

Unless God ends (Greek **ekolobothesan**, "to terminate or cut off") the Tribulation, no living thing will remain alive.

John Walvoord said, *"This does not mean that the period will be less than three-and-a-half years, but that it will be definitely terminated suddenly by the second coming of Christ."*

The antecedent of *"those days"* is the days Jesus just described in Matthew 24:15-21: the days of the Tribulation. Jesus will shorten them a little out of compassion. Later revelation of this period in the Book of Revelation helps us appreciate the truth of Jesus' statement here -(cf. Revelation 6-18). Not just people but all forms of life (Greek. **pasa sarx**, lit. "all flesh") will experience drastic cutbacks during the Great Tribulation -(cf. Revelation 6:7-8; 16:13-21). Antichrist will target the Jews and then Jews who believe in Jesus particularly -(Revelation 12:13-17), but great multitudes of people will perish because of the distress that he brings. The "elect" are believers -(cf. Matthew 20:16; Matthew 22:14; Matthew 24:22; Matthew 24:24; Matthew 24:31).

Many interpreters, however, take this verse as describing the present age rather than a future tribulation. [Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 696-707.] This is the typical amillennialists and postmillennialists interpretation, though some pre-millennialists such as Dr. D.A. Carson, also holds it as well. Weighing the distress of the present age against that of the Tribulation, conclude that Matthew 24:22 and this whole passage describes the future Tribulation, not the present age.

I have studied the Olivet Discourse for six decades; my first encounter was with a Nazarene pastor in upstate New York who frequently visited when I lived in Rochester, NY. Exegesis of the Greek Text supports a case for both reading of the present generation, and a future generation, which I suggest is what we need to be considering. Certainly the current world state can be aligned with the future period, which I suggest is appropriate for our day. Some theologians go so far as to suggest the Olivet Discourse is a “double fulfillment” prophecy, while others refute that. As to which position one holds really reflects, in my opinion, your level of understanding of the Greek language.

Birth pains are initially mild but grow in intensity and increase in frequency. The difficulties that precede the end will likewise grow in intensity and increase in frequency. The initial contractions that will ultimately lead to the end include:

- The rise of false Messiahs
- Wars between nations
- Famines and natural disasters
- Persecution will intensify to the point that believers are martyred
- Hatred will be unleashed against the followers of Jesus
- Alleged disciples will renounce Jesus and become bitter informants against true disciples
- False prophets will mislead many followers
- Lawlessness will increase
- Christians' love will grow cold
- True believers will persevere and proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth
- The destruction of the temple will be preceded by an act of desecration
- This desecration is the signal for believers to flee from Jerusalem
- This flight is urgent and must not be delayed
- This flight will impose hardship on those who undertake it
- The suffering associated with the temple's destruction will be unparalleled in human history
- God will graciously shorten the period of suffering for the sake of Jesus's followers

Early on in my pastoral ministry, I wrestled with the two views of the Creation narrative, but once I resolved in my mind the issue of which was right, the Bible or science regarding the Creation, clarity soon became a matter of faith. I had two years of geology and two years in physics in college. By that I am saying that for decades, I was a Bible

skeptic on the issue of creation event being six-days or five-billion years. When the late Zola Levitt presented Dr. Gerald Schroeder's Hebrew answer to Genesis 1, my doubts and skepticism dissipated. Dr. Schroeder translated the Hebrew in a way that is not quite as clear as the English text. From that point in time until the present I have never doubted and have since trusted God's Word implicitly. When I encounter a complex passage that I do not fully understand, I treat it as a matter of faith. **I accept it without question and trust that God will elucidate it to me at some point in the near future.**

Because I read widely from all academic disciplines, my knowledge growth from mathematics, science, genetics, engineering, physics, biology and many subjects have added greater clarity to the Biblical text, sometimes in a huge way. I am reading a huge book *'DNA Science: A First Course'* by David Miklos and Greg Freyer given to me by a microbiologist I became internet friends with last year. As you might guess, my interest in DNA was peaked two years ago by the hoaxed Covid Plandemic on the world. But more than that was my interest in Brucellosis Mycoplasma. Brucellosis Mycoplasma can be understood as the "decomposition" gene. Since learning about its existence a few years ago I nicknamed it the "Sin" gene that came with the Fall of man. Because of the infinitely micro size even under an Electron Microscope, it is for all intent and purpose invisible.

The U.S. military had a "Top Secret" classification on it since the late 1940s, and in researching the issue of "bioweapons" I came across the term Electroporation and when researching the name in early 2020, I experienced a censoring of the topic and had found it extremely difficult to download documents about Electroporation. Whenever I get censored it is like sending me a personal invitation to dig further. With what I have learned about 5G technologies, viruses, Wi-Fi, satellites, DNA, transceivers, Brucellosis Mycoplasma is the "PERFECT" weapon that fills all the requirements of the New World Order plan to find "Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars."

I nicknamed Brucellosis Mycoplasma the "Sin" gene for the sin of Adam and Eve in the Fall of man, when the Serpent seduced Eve, ***"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"*** - (Genesis 3:1). Genesis 3 set into motion for the planet what we know as the Law of Entropy.

**Satan has seduced man to believe that vaccines are safe when they are not. How often have I heard that line "vaccines are safe", but they are not.** I will explain why that is a lie from the pit of Hell. Viruses use animal tissue in their creative process, or aborted baby cell tissue, but setting aside the moral point, **animal tissue contain bacteria and pathogens that may be latent or dormant in their species, but when introduced into human DNA, often activated and cause cancer among other diseases.** A perfect example is the XMRV gene found in prostate cancer of men. XMRV is a virus that infects human cells but is not a human virus. The animal tissue used to create the Swine Flu vaccine was that of a tiny mouse. 45 million Americans took the Swine Flu

vaccine. Then when prostate cancer exploded a few decades ago, what did the molecular biologists and virologists find expression of in the prostate cancer? Yes it was the XMRV gene that while dormant in mice became switched-on and activated in the millions of men who had a Swine Flu vaccine in the 1970s. **Do you think that God intended the genes of one species to be co-mingled with human beings?** Yet, the truth of this story remains covered up, obfuscated, and buried to cover for the mistakes of dishonest scientists. **When someone tells you vaccines are completely safe, they are either lying like Satan, ignorant of the science, or simply a fool!**

You might not believe it but we are about to see the Curse Reversed! 2020/2021 has been the preface of what will become shortly the worst of conditions for humanity. All the news today is reflecting the Days of Sorrow! ***“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;”*** -(Genesis 3:17) We are on the threshold of the final ***“Shabua”*** of Daniel 9:27.

Amir Tsarfati had Breaking News today from Israel that has importance to us awaiting the Rapture. Amir broadcasting on his Telegram channel has reported Israel is about ready to strike Iran. Iran has apparently enough enriched Uranium to assemble at least one nuclear weapon but I suspect several more than just one. **Amir noted that Iran has moved all of its military weapons into civilian areas of Iran, as a move to discourage Israel from attacking civilian communities in Iran.** In a Blessed Hope segment a while back, I noted Israel’s recent decision was to attack Iran. As I interpret the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario, war will break out once Israel attacks Iran’s nuclear facilities. **Keep in mind, Iran has 20-million Christians, and Revelation 3:10 is as true for Iranian Christians as it is for you and I. We go together!**

Below are two maps showing the possible routes Israel will take in striking against Iran’s nuclear facilities. This has been a long time in coming and all the indicators are converging in the very near future, a very brief window. The geo-politics have been in flux for a long time and as Israel rehearses their aerial war, keep in mind that Israel has 5 “Dolphin” class diesel-electric submarines. One of Israel’s submarines transited through the Suez Canal about two months ago. It had been engaged in joint-naval exercises with the U.S. Navy 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet.

Arguably Israel’s most critical military capability is their small but very deadly submarine fleet. Beyond being able to stealthily spy on enemies, insert operatives onto foreign shores and wreak havoc on enemy ships on a whim, they represent Israel’s “second strike” nuclear deterrent. Israel has received its fifth such vessel, the Rahav, a few years ago.

The importance of the INS Rahav, and Israel’s small but elite submarine force was underscored by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the new submarine’s arrival ceremony:



*“Our submarine fleet serves as a deterrent to our enemies who seek our destruction.”* He continued, *“they need to know that Israel is capable of hitting with very great force anyone who tries to harm us. And Israel’s citizens need to know that Israel is a very strong country that is doing everything to defend them, everywhere and on every front.”*



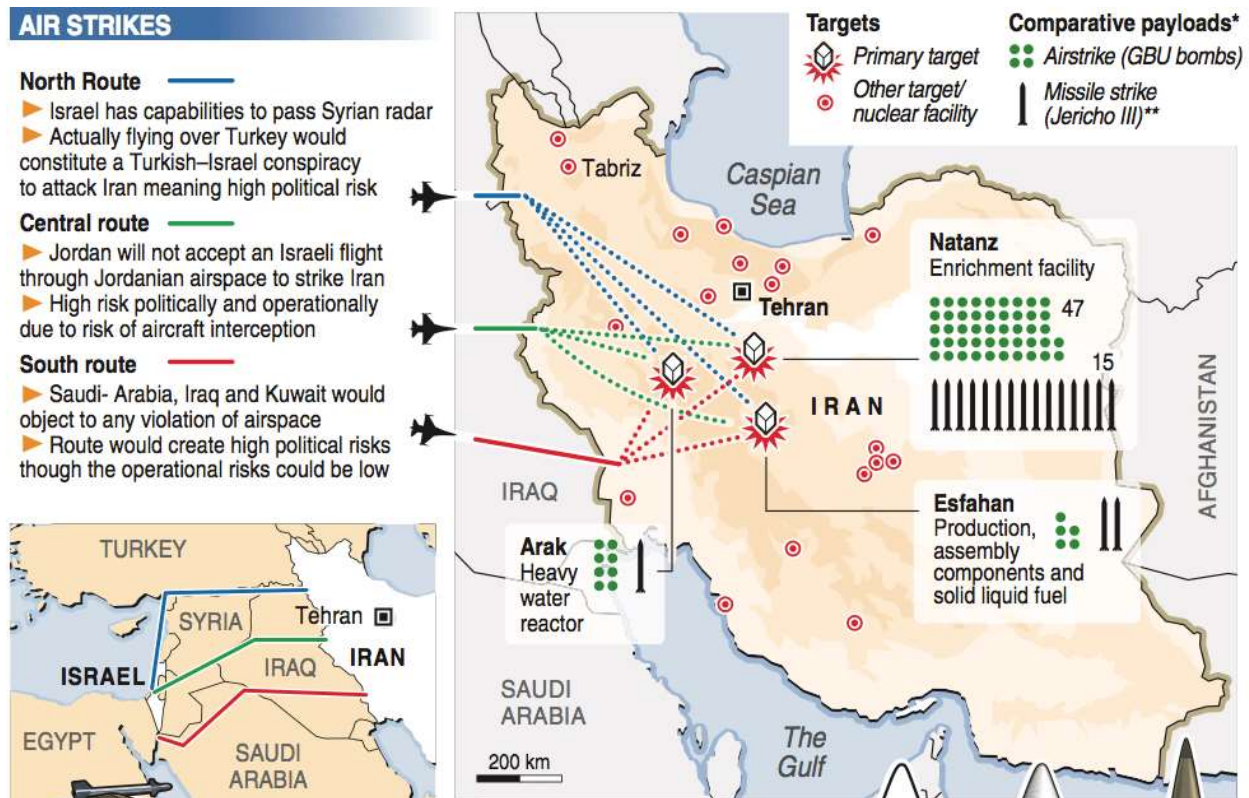
Rahav is the Hebrew name for Neptune, the god of the seas, and in the Middle East, the INS Rahav will be just that. Built in Germany, she is a variant of the highly capable Dolphin 2 class of diesel-electric submarines. She joins four other boats in Israel’s fleet, the Dolphin, Tekuma, Leviathan and Tanin . The first three of which are Dolphin 1 class, with the Tanin being the first of the improved Dolphin 2 class.

The Dolphin class in general is based on Germany’s highly successful line of submarines starting with the Type 209, but is most similar to the Type 212, although the Dolphin class is larger. The Dolphin 2 class is even larger than the Dolphin 1 class.

The INS Rahav is 220 feet long, displaces 2,400 tons submerged and is crewed by 35 sailors, but it can hold an additional 10 people for special operations. She is capable of reaching a top speed of 25 knots underwater and can operate without resupply for up to 30 days under normal operating conditions.

What makes the Rahav and its predecessor the Tanin so capable and dangerous to its foes is that it uses Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) to stay submerged for weeks at a time. This opens up an operations envelope that was long only accessible to much more complex and expensive nuclear-powered submarines. Not only that, but the

Dolphin 2 class's version of AIP propulsion uses fuel cell technology, which is extremely quiet even by AIP submarine standards.



The Dolphin boats are equipped with six 533mm standard torpedo tubes and four 650mm jumbo tubes and can carry 16 weapons. The smaller tubes can fire torpedoes and Harpoon anti-ship missiles as well as other conventional weaponry, but its larger tubes are what make the Dolphin class so special.

From them, frogmen, remotely operated vehicles and especially large cruise missiles capable of carrying nuclear payloads can be deployed.

Originally, Israel wanted to buy Tomahawk cruise missiles from the U.S. to outfit its pocket submarine fleet, but the request was denied by the Clinton Administration. Instead the Israelis developed their own long-range submarine launched cruise missile particularly suited to the Dolphin class's larger diameter (the Tomahawk is not.)

This unique nuclear capable missile is called the Popeye Turbo, and little is truly known about it. It shares a similar name as Israel's successful line of air-to-ground Popeye missiles (known as the AGM-142 Have Nap in the U.S.) and there is likely to be similarities between the latest air-launched version and the submarine launched

version. Although the submarine launched version is likely extended in length and increased in diameter.

An Israeli test firing that was supposedly the sub-launched Popeye Turbo occurred in the Indian Ocean and the missile was reported to have flown 930 miles before reaching its target. As such, this is the approximate range some have attached to the missile, although it is likely farther. Although the primary version of the missile packs a nuclear warhead, it is thought that conventional warhead versions may also be fielded

In fact, some say that an Israeli submarine attacked a shipment of Russian-made missiles that had been delivered to Syria. These claims remain uncorroborated by Israeli officials, although that is not surprising. If this is true, a conventional Popeye Turbo or some other indigenous sub-launched cruise missile that we do not know about would have been used.

The Rahav and its stablemates are not without controversy. German Chancellor Angela Merkel in particular has garnered harsh criticism by some for subsidizing their cost of construction. The cost of a Dolphin 2 is said to be around \$500 million, with Germany paying about a third of this cost. While others think Germany should not help Israel wield its undeclared nuclear weapons capability by selling them submarines that can be used as partial delivery systems.

There are also factions within the Israeli power apparatus that wanted to limit the submarine fleet size to five boats due to changing priorities, while others want to expand it. Israel had a sixth submarine on order from Germany. Israel's submarines are most expensive military vehicles in their inventory, and operating them is not cheap. It was subsequently canceled.

Regardless of its fleet size, Israel's nuclear weapon wielding sub force is a unique asymmetric capability for the region and is seen with great pride among many Israelis. It makes up the third leg of Israel's Nuclear Triad, and its only second-strike capability.

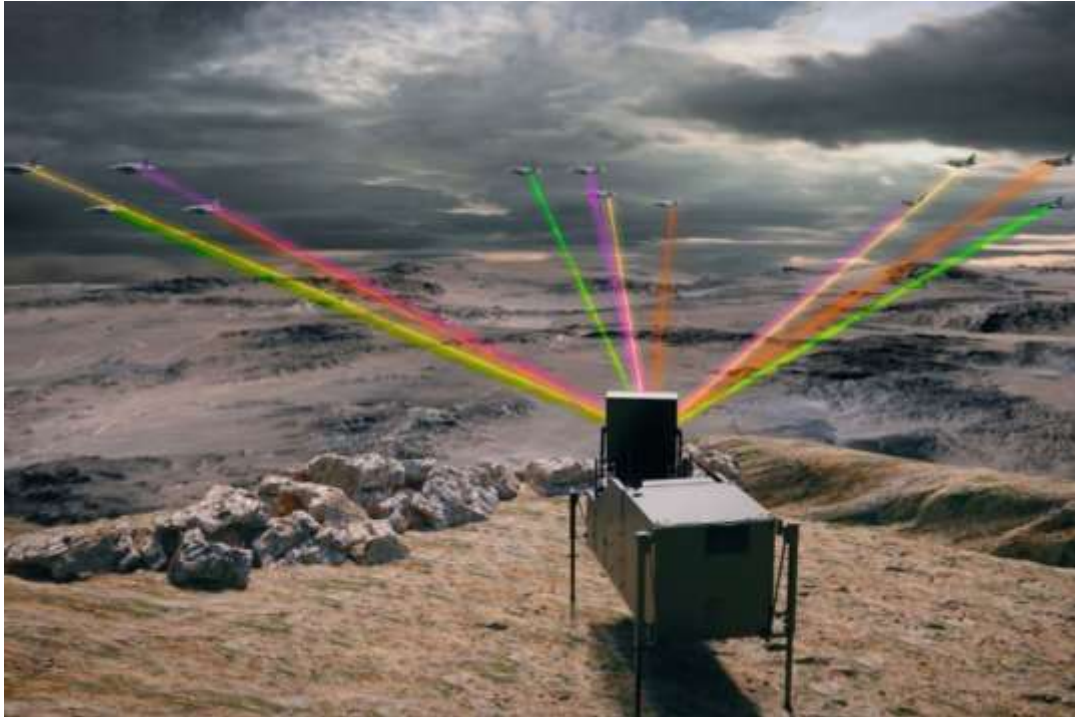
By keeping at least one of these vessels at sea at all times means that if Israel is attacked and its air and land-based nuclear weapons capabilities are wiped out, whoever did so can expect to suffer great losses themselves. It is the same idea behind major nuclear powers' intercontinental ballistic submarine forces but on a much smaller scale.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon summed up the heavy weight placed on the Israeli submarine force's mission at the INS Rahav's reception:

*"The submarines and the sailors who operate them will do so as they do today: In silence they will, with surprise and creativity, burst forward from the depth, and sometimes return to their bases without leaving a mark, placing another brick in Israel's defensive wall."*

All of this confirms that although Israel does not have a huge navy, it is more than capable of launching a joint-sea and air attack on Iran's nuclear facilities. In a previous *Blessed Hope*, I noted the potential for a war between China and the U.S. over the Treaty the U.S. to aide and defend Taiwan. Japan and Australia are also pledged to Taiwan's defense. Then there is a potential conflict between the Ukraine and Russia. It has been simmering for months and NATO is unable to resolve.

A few weeks ago there was a report in the New York Post about a Israeli electromagnetic defense system against adversary aircraft, called Scorpius.



Israel has a new weapon in its defense arsenal — and enemies of the Jewish state will never see it coming.

The weapon, which reportedly can halt electronic capabilities of an enemy, is part of a new suite of electromagnetic warfare called Scorpius.

The Scorpius “missiles” send narrowly targeted beams of energy that disrupt enemy electronic sensors, navigation, radar or other electronic activity, according to Gideon Fustick, the marketing VP of Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel's state-run defense contractor.

Fustick told Forbes the electronic weapons fall under a category Israel calls “soft protection.” Basically from what I know, it is very similar to DEW or Directed Energy Weapons packs.

But he said the new Scorpius weapons have an advantage over older forms of electromagnetic warfare because they can send targeted beams without interfering with unintended targets. He described Israel's new weapon as a "revolution in warfare."

*"It's an offensive weapon that doesn't send out missiles. It's not a hard-kill system,"* he explained. *"And yet, it's very effective in engaging and disabling enemy systems."*

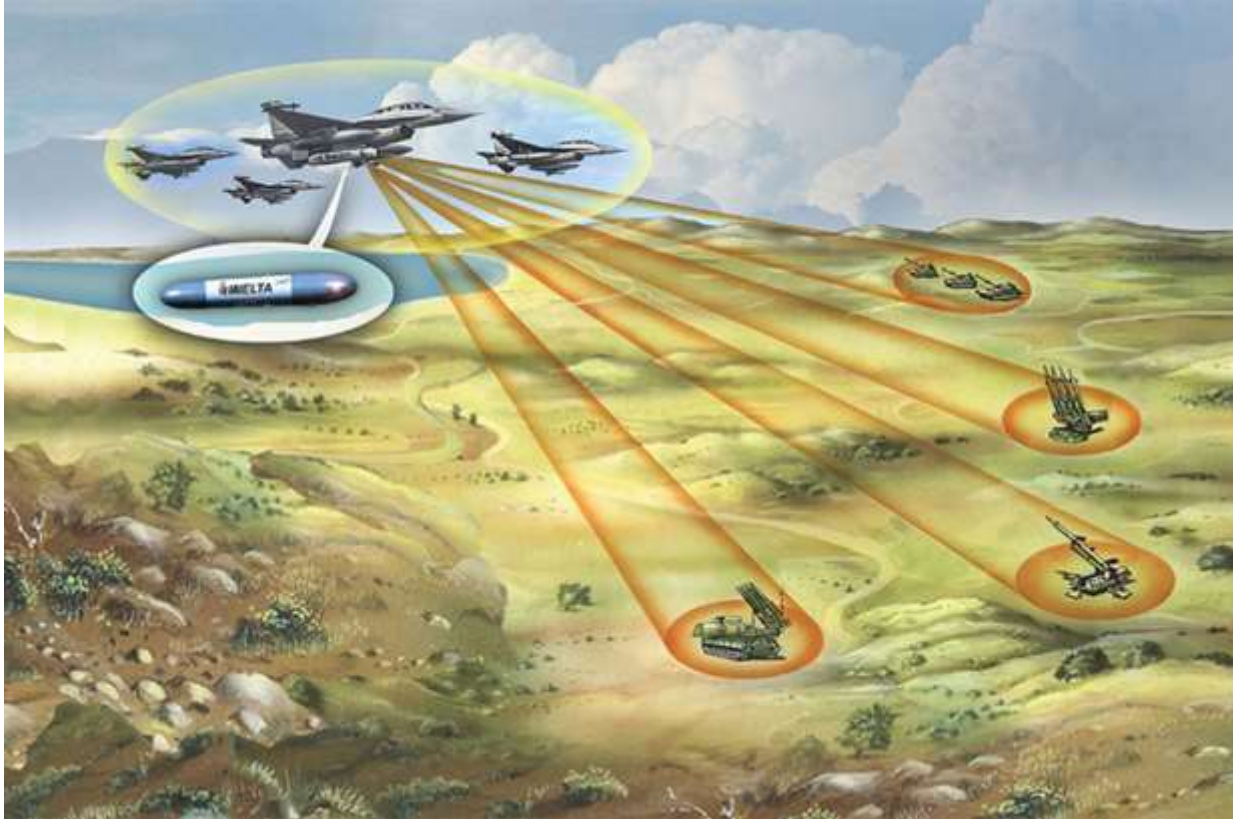


Despite their "soft protection" status, the weapons could cause damage to planes, drones and missiles, all of which function by electromagnetic means.

Electromagnetic warfare is not new and Fustick believes modern warfare will be increasingly centered in the electromagnetic domain.

*"It's the first system that can really detect anything in the sky and address multiple targets in different directions and different frequencies simultaneously,"* Fustick explained.

Israel's claim of the most advanced electromagnetic warfare can only stand for so long. The global electronic warfare market is projected to grow, reaching \$20.82 million by 2027, up from \$15.57 million in 2020, according to a report.



Israel says Scorpius can use the electromagnetic technology to detect different threats simultaneously.

The U.S. Air Force lost a number of aircraft in the past couple years in the southwest and reports have been to the effect that they were somehow electronically disabled and crashed. Post-interviews of crew members reported that their aircraft suddenly lost navigational and electronics suggesting that possible there were ground-based interference to cause them to crash. At last report the U.S. Air Force was yet unable to determine the cause of the incidents; however, they did give some credence to the neutralizing the aircraft and causing them to crash. The reports stated that these were seasoned experienced pilots with lots of flying time in their particular aircraft.

The Scorpius system will also reportedly not hit or interfere with unintended targets. Israel Aerospace Industries noted the unique ability to discern targets as an edge in electronic warfare.

Fustick explained that as long as both sides use the electronic domain for operations, controlling the electromagnetic field will continue to be a part of modern warfare.

*“The enemy is trying to use the electromagnetic domain for all these activities,” he said. “We are also trying to use them. And we’re each trying to deny the other side from the use of the electromagnetic domain.”*



These have been precarious years for humanity but it is my position that we will likely see or find ourselves in the fray of global chaos just before the Lord executes the Rapture or “Deliverance before Judgment”. I have not lost faith and patience becomes the “watch word”. Revelation 3:10 still remains our operational mode and passage as we occupy until His return for His Bride. We are in a war directed against humanity.

If you are still in doubt as to whether we are being hoodwinked on the safety and efficacy of the COVID vaccines, an editorial in the *‘BMJ’* today should remove all doubt. We are being hoodwinked. And it’s not going to get better. Not Ever! So we are stuck with vaccines that is being mandated where most people have no clue as to whether it works or not.

Why? It’s simple. The government knows full well from the VAERS data that the vaccine kills far more people than it saves (regardless of age) and they want to make sure you will never find out. Get it?

Those of us who know how to interpret the safety data from VAERS and other similar systems know full well what is going on, but when we try to warn people, we are being marginalized as spreaders of misinformation. Who’s lying? Well, suffice it to say that no self-proclaimed VAERS expert will agree to a debate, including Satan’s agent Dr. Anthony Fauci! Over the Thanksgiving holiday Dr. Fauci bragged that he is the science!

An unusual statistical blip occurred between November 20<sup>th</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup> in the government's reporting of deaths due to Covid. The daily death statistics were so low as to disbelieve the data. The count was 171, 2, 3, 93, 68, and 43. I maintain a logged article titled "*Media Exaggeration*", and for the first 19 days of November, the daily death numbers for Covid-19 averaged roughly 1,200+ each day and then suddenly a huge drop has been recorded for the six days noted.

And that my friend is the inconvenient truth.

I want to get back to the Apostle Paul and how he related the idea of the "elect" delivered from the day of wrath. We want to put to rest any doubts believers might have on this doctrine.

The Bible's emphasis in the doctrine of "election" is on the security of the believer. The doctrine of "election" is intended to be an encouragement to every born again believer. As taught in Scripture, "election" is not something to puzzle over and be confused about and endlessly debate. It is something to be instructed by, edified by, comforted by, encouraged by, established by, strengthened by, and challenged by. We can't understand everything about "election" at this present time, but since it is a clear teaching of Scripture, it is to be believed and studied and meditated upon. "Election" teaches us that God fore-knew the redeemed and planned their lives accordingly, but it doesn't teach that God pre-decided which sinners will be saved. – "Election" comes by the gospel and is obtained by the gospel ("**for our gospel came ... unto you ... having received the word**"). When the gospel comes, God's "election" is offered, and when the gospel is received, God's "election" is bestowed. The "elect" in this passage are those in Thessalonica who had "received the word" -(1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:6).

Sinners are called by the gospel -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:14), and the gospel is to be preached to every person -(Mark 16:15). Jesus Christ invites all to come, and He is ready to receive them. "**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest**" -(Matthew 11:28). "**Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me**" -(Revelation 3:20). "**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely**" -(Revelation 22:17).

The doctrine of "election" has been corrupted and confused by false teaching. "Sovereign election" was promoted by the heretic Augustine and popularized by John Calvin. It is the doctrine that God chose some sinners for salvation and for them only Christ died and they alone can be saved. According to sovereign election, God's choice has *nothing* to do with His foreknowledge of who will believe. The sovereignly elect are irresistibly drawn and given faith as a gift. The "non-elect" are left in their sins and there is *nothing* they can do to be saved. **This is a slander on God's character. It is refuted by the clear teaching of hundreds of individual passages and by the whole tenor of Scripture.** Though we do not know everything about "election" and we cannot fathom all



of its details, we know what is revealed in Scripture and by that we know that the love of God and the salvation of God is for the whole world. God has ordained that the gospel be preached to all men and that those who believe on Christ will be saved. **“And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day”** -(John 6:40). Consider the following fundamental passage on salvation: **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”** -(John 3:16-18). God loved the world and sent His Son to save the - world.

The term “world,” which is used three times here, is never used for the “elect”. It refers to the whole world of lost sinners. God loved them, all of them, and gave His only begotten Son to save those who believe. If I am in the world, I am loved by God and salvation was provided for me and I *can* be saved. Any sinner in the world can believe and be saved. That is God’s sovereign plan. **Salvation is a “whosoever” offer, and God is not playing games.** “Whosoever” does not mean whosoever of the “elect” or whosoever is irresistibly drawn. **John 3:16-18 teaches that the “elect” are those who believe in Jesus Christ.** That is a fundamental teaching pertaining to “election”. When the Bible says that we **are “elect according to the foreknowledge of God”** -(1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:2), it is referring to God’s foreknowledge of those who will believe. That much is clear.

If God’s “election” means more than this, and it might, we are not told what more it means at this time, and we will learn about that only when it pleases God to give more revelation. – “Election” is to be loved of God (**“brethren beloved,”** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:4). The “elect” are the objects of God’s eternal love. **Divine “election” is a love story. It is the love of the Creator for His fallen creatures, the love of a Father for His wayward children, the love of a Shepherd for His lost sheep. What God said of the true Israel by the prophet Jeremiah, can be said of every believer. “Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee”** -(Jeremiah 31:3). **A right understanding of “election” is a great comfort to the believer.** How unspeakably wonderful it is to know that God has loved me and foreknown me (**“elect according to the foreknowledge of God,”** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:2) and planned and prepared my salvation and fashioned me in the womb -(Psalm 139:13-16) and drawn and enlightened and convicted me by His Spirit (**“elect through the sanctification of the Spirit,”** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:2) and washed me by the blood of Jesus Christ (**“unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ,”** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:2) and sealed me and adopted me and justified me and made me a king and a priest and a joint-heir with Christ! **What an amazing thing “election” is!**

“Election” can be known (**“knowing ... your election of God,”** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:4). The great emphasis in this passage is that God’s “elect” are those who receive Jesus Christ and are converted and show clear evidence thereof in their lives. Every verse of

the passage emphasizes this. Verse 3, the “elect” are those who have the work of faith, the labor of love, and the patience of hope. Verse 5, the “elect” are those to whom the gospel comes not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance. Verse 6, the “elect” are those who receive the Word and become followers of Jesus Christ with joy even in much affliction. Verse 7, the “elect” are those who are examples to other believers. Verse 8, the “elect” are those whose faith is spread abroad. Verse 9-10, the “elect” are those who turn to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven. Those who merely pray a sinner’s prayer or “walk the aisle” or make a public profession, but are not converted, have no biblical basis for claiming to be the “elect”. **“Election” has clear evidence of fruit.**

**The return of Jesus Christ is the major theme of the Thessalonian epistles. Forty of the verses deal with this theme.** See also 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:1-12; 3:5. The return of Jesus Christ is a major theme of the entire New Testament, from Matthew to Revelation. **Bible prophecy is a fundamental of the faith once delivered to the saints. It is not a secondary matter. It must be a major theme of every Bible-believing church. God’s people must be well-grounded in prophetic truth so they can have a proper worldview and understanding of the times. God’s people must be protected from heresies pertaining to Bible prophecy.** - They were **“waiting for his Son from heaven.”** They were expecting and looking for Jesus Christ, not the Antichrist. This teaches that the return of Jesus Christ for the church believer is imminent. It can happen at any time. It is to be expected at any time. Compare Romans 13:12; Philippians 4:5; Titus 2:13; James 5:8-9; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:7. - They had been **“delivered from the wrath to come.”** In the context, this is the wrath that will come upon the world in the day of the Lord. It is described in Revelation chapters 6 to 19. “Wrath” is mentioned **13X** times in these chapters, beginning in Revelation 6:16 and 17 and ending in Revelation 19:15.

The wrath of God will increase in degree as the seven years progress, concluding with the terrible vial judgments which are “full of the wrath of God” -(Revelation 15:7). “In 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:10; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:9-10, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-3, the context has reference to eschatological issues, and is not primarily speaking of personal salvation and the belief in Christ that leads to salvation. ... **The promises there given pertain to being ‘kept from the hour,’ being kept from the devastating effects and activities of the Day of the Lord and the Great Tribulation, by means of the promised deliverance and salvation from the coming wrath.** ... Now, of course, belief in Jesus Christ delivers us from the eternal wrath to come, but **the subject in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:10 has to do with the fact that Christ will return from heaven to deliver us from the coming wrath,** exactly what the Pre-Tribulation Rapture message revealed by Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4 instructs us as **a message of intended comfort.** Since this identification of the ‘wrath to come’ with the Great Tribulation is clearly correct (for surely, soteriological wrath has no connection to ‘waiting for his Son from heaven’) the Pre-tribulation Rapture position must be the correct prophetic position”. They were waiting for **“His Son ... Jesus.”** The passage emphasizes that the man Jesus is the Son of the living God. Jesus is Christ’s birth name that emphasizes His Saviorhood. **“And she**

**shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sin”** -(Matthew 1:21). When Jesus ascended, the angel said to the disciples, **“this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven”** -(Acts 1:11). The ascended, glorified Christ is still Jesus.

As a closing thought here to consider when Jesus said, **“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened”** -(Matthew 24:22); we can know that Satan's objective was to steal, kill, and destroy. **“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”** -(John 10:10). Satan has obviously double-downed on his agenda to do exactly what he set out to do. **There is abundant evidence and fore-knowledge of what is taking place in the world today. If you have not read my article on how Covid-19 was made into a “bioweapon” at the link below.**

[Covid-19 Is A Retrovirus](#)

A billion people will be murdered through the vaxx “gene” therapy being administered through what is clearly a product of Hegelian Dialectic fear tactics and using his play book of tricks as he did in the Garden with our progenitors Adam and Eve! Most of you know that well-known expression, “Once fooled, shame on you, twice fooled, shame on me!” It soon becomes crystal clear why Jesus Christ said, **“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened”**. Those are very comforting words as we look at the condition of this fallen world!

If you are unsure of your own salvation, the time is short now that you seek His forgiveness for your sins, and repent and grab that “life jacket” much like a “Coastie” would drop from his patrol cutter. We have a grandson in the U.S. Coast Guard leaving Bahrain in a few days after 14 months patrolling the waters of the Gulf of Hormuz. He will be flying out of Dubai later this week.

As a student of prophecy, I have followed the Middle East since I was a college student-pastor since the Israeli Six-Day War in June, 1967. I tell folks, it was my church recording secretary who opened my eyes on the morning of June 8, 1967, as I was sweeping the grass cuttings from my early morning cutting of my little patch of a yard. Ms. Francis Church was God's messenger to wake me up to what was coming; however, I just did not think it would take this long. I have not wasted my time and devoted my time to the study of the Word of God, getting equipped to be able to recognize the subtle signs, watching for indicators that sharpened my focus as to how Satan was pulling the wool over on people with his new religion. Covidism is the biggest and the fastest growing religion in the world. In less than 2 years this cult has overtaken the established religious orders, in terms of followers and growth. The mainstream media is like the bible to the hardcore, Bill Gates and Tony Fauci are like their prophets/saints. The vaccine is like the holy water, and we, the independent,

freedom loving skeptics are the demons. No matter which facts you present to the followers it's demonized as conspiracy theory. A key to understanding our current predicament is the extent to which Covid has come to resemble a religion. Covidanity, has all the rituals, superstitions, sacraments and shrines of traditional religion, and for many people, Covidanity has given their lives a new source of meaning and purpose. Once you realize this, it is much easier to understand why Covidanity has taken such a global hold. Many people simply do not want to give up their new religion, and their faith is unlikely to be shaken by ordinary rational arguments which I am sure you will have already noticed.

Like most religions, Covidanity has a hierarchical structure. For example, where the Roman Catholic Church has its Pope, Covidanity has the Director-General of the World Health Organization, currently Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. While it is true that some countries, like the U.S., have distanced themselves from the W.H.O., Covidanity still remains intact just as much as when the Greek Orthodox and Anglican (Episcopal in the U.S.) Churches split from Rome and ultimately the Pope's leadership. Those churches remained Catholic in form and function, but chose not to place themselves under the authority of the Roman Pope. This is where the U.S. is today; nearly the entire U.S. population is now exercising the Covid religion, just not necessarily under the leadership of the W.H.O.

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Blessings, and keep looking up 🚩, Jesus is at the Door!

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