

Covid-19 "Vaccines"

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- I. "Imagine a virus so deadly you have to be medically tested to find out you have it and a vaccine so safe you have to be forced by the government to take it." (Unknown)
- II. There has been a huge propaganda campaign and psychological operation targeted at Americans for the last eight months or more which has tried to coerce them into receiving the Covid-19 "vaccines."
 1. A myriad of tactics have been employed to pressure people into taking the "vaccine" such as public shaming¹; guilt-tripping²; begging³; pleading⁴; fearmongering⁵; bribery via lotteries⁶, free beer⁷, food⁸, rides⁹, marijuana¹⁰, and more¹¹; false advertising¹²; and threats of job loss¹³, college expulsion¹⁴, travel restrictions¹⁵, and cutting off access to public places¹⁶.
 2. If a person knew nothing about the safety, efficacy, ingredients, and death rates of the Covid "vaccines", the unprecedented propaganda campaign and organized coercion should be reason enough to refuse the "vaccine."
 3. Christians are exhorted to foresee the evil and hide themselves (**Pro 22:3**).
 - A. Anyone who cannot see that there are nefarious, evil motives behind the forced Covid-19 "vaccination" of the entire population is naive, willingly ignorant, and plain foolish.
 - B. We must prove all things and hold fast that which is good (**1Th 5:21**).
 - C. The simple believeth every word, but a prudent man looketh well to his going (**Pro 14:15**).
 4. To receive an untested, dangerous, and deadly "vaccine" without extreme due diligence is very foolish.
 5. To allow someone to inject your child with such a "vaccine" without being very certain that it will not be harmful to him is gross negligence and is tantamount to a denial of the faith (**1Ti 5:8**).

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¹ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/shaming-of-the-unvaccinated-intensifies-in-colorado-as-push-to-inoculate-grows-some-say/ar-BB1fA5F6>

² <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/difference-opinion/202106/the-7-best-tactics-persuade-the-vaccine-hesitant>

³ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/why-health-officials-are-begging-people-to-get-vaccinated/ar-AAAnntX>

⁴ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/us/health-officials-now-pleading-for-more-people-to-get-vaccinated/vi-AAMS2ui>

⁵ <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/statistics-show-risks-vaccinated-covid-19/story?id=78845627>

⁶ <https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/how-to-register-for-the-michigan-covid-19-vaccine-lottery>

⁷ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/budweiser-is-giving-free-beer-to-vaccinated-people/ar-BB1fS95z>

⁸ <https://www.eatthis.com/news-covid-19-vaccine-perks-food-freebies/>

⁹ <https://www.uber.com/us/en/coronavirus/>

¹⁰ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/07/us/washington-marijuana-covid-vaccine.html>

¹¹ <https://www.thrillist.com/news/nation/covid-vaccine-freebies-deals-2021>

¹² <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/emergency-use-authorization-vaccines-explained>

¹³ <https://www.acsh.org/news/2021/01/05/solution-covid-vaccine-refusal-take-jab-or-lose-your-job-15252>

¹⁴ <https://news.umich.edu/university-of-michigan-to-require-covid-19-vaccination-on-all-campuses/>

¹⁵ <https://www.cNBC.com/2021/08/10/covid-vaccines-required-for-travel-unvaccinated-people-dont-like-it.html>

¹⁶ <https://abc7news.com/la-vaccine-mandate-indoor-nyc-sf/10930396/>

- III. No government, politician, ruler, employer, or any other person or organization has the right to force a person to inject a substance into his body against his will.
1. Christians are not required to submit to tyrannical, wicked orders such as mandates to receive an injection into their bodies of an unwanted substance.
 2. The following points were proven in detail in the sermon series called "Mask Mandates and Romans 13" which is found here: PastorWagner.com/covid. Please refer to that study for scriptural proof of the following.
 - A. The purpose of civil laws and rulers is to punish evil and promote peace and justice.
 - B. Governors are to punish evil doers and praise them that do well.
 - C. The evil which is to be punished by the ruler is NOT the act of refusing to obey the ruler's whimsical, dreamed-up rules, but rather doing truly evil things which God's word defines as evil.
 - D. The ruler in Romans 13 is a *minister* (an executive) of God to execute wrath on evildoers on God's behalf, not a legislator and a tyrant who makes up illegitimate laws for his subjects to obey.
 - E. God's law, not a tyrant, determines what is good and evil.
 - F. Therefore, we must obey every ordinance of man that forbids and punishes evil, as God defines it.
 - G. Laws that do not punish evil or praise good are not legitimate laws and we are therefore not required by God's law to obey them.
 3. Vaccine mandates do not meet the scriptural criteria for ordinances that Christians are obliged to obey.

IV. God has given Christians the right to refuse to receive an injection of an unwanted substance into their bodies.

1. The Bible teaches that men are *individually* responsible to God's will as declared in the Holy Scriptures and shall accordingly give an account to Jesus Christ their Judge for their own actions.
 - A. Every man must prove his own work and bear his own burden (**Gal 6:4-5**).
 - B. Every man will give an account of himself to God for the things done *in his body* (**Rom 14:11-12; 2Co 5:10**).
 - C. God has therefore made men individually empowered and individually accountable, a principle which even applied to the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ (**Joh 5:30; Joh 6:38**).
 - i. The Lord Jesus Christ flawlessly did God's will and is therefore the supreme model of a man Whom all men should aspire to be like (**Eph 4:13**).
 - ii. The Lord Jesus Christ only allowed to be done to His body what He determined to permit (**Joh 10:17-18**).
 - iii. His power to *allow* things to be done to His body was also His power to *refuse* things done to His body. He exercised this power of refusal upon the cross in rejection of the civil power's intentions (**Mar 15:23**).
 - iv. To assume one must surrender one's body to the will of another who would force into it what one does not desire is therefore a tacit condemnation of Jesus Christ, implying He is not sinless, a position we must wholeheartedly reject (**1Pe 2:21-22**).

2. Our bodies belong to God who has given us stewardship over them.
 - A. We are the children of God (**Joh 1:12-13; Rom 8:16-17; 1Jo 5:1**).
 - B. We are the children of God because we have been *redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ* (**1Pe 1:18-19**).
 - i. Redeem v. - 1. *trans.* To buy back (a thing formerly possessed); to make payment for (a thing held or claimed by another).
 - ii. Since redemption is a purchasing transaction, such believers are therefore the *legally purchased possession of God* (**Act 20:28; Eph 1:12-14**).
 - iii. The redemptive purchase by the blood of Jesus Christ includes the entire person: spirit, soul and *body* (**1Th 5:23-24**).
 - iv. Therefore, the body of the believer is the legal property of God (**1Co 6:20**).
 - C. God has given us the stewardship of our own bodies.
 - i. A redeemed child of God is *the Lord's freeman* in all things (**1Co 7:22-23**).
 - ii. Every Christian is to possess *his vessel* in a manner which is pleasing to God (**1Th 4:4**).
 - iii. He is responsible for what is done in *his body* (**2Co 5:10**).
 - D. Husbands must not force their wives to get an unwanted injection into their bodies.
 - i. The husband is the head of the wife (**Eph 5:23**), but he is not her God who can demand that she receive an unwanted injection of a dangerous substance into her body.
 - ii. What a woman allows to be injected into her body is her decision alone, not her husband's.
 - iii. *She* will answer to God for what was done in *her body*, not her husband.
 - iv. If a husband decides to get the Covid-19 "vaccine" because he thinks it's a good idea, or because he fears the consequences of not doing so, he must not try to coerce his wife into getting it with him to make himself feel better about his decision.
 - v. Likewise a wife must not try to manipulate her husband into getting an unwanted "vaccine."

3. We decide what we allow to be put into our bodies.
 - A. Daniel and the three other Hebrew children had the right to determine what food they allowed to be put into their bodies (**Dan 1:5-8**).
 - B. Christians are personally responsible to refrain from eating certain things such as blood, strangled animals, and animals offered to idols (**Act 15:19-20; Rev 2:14**).
 - C. A woman has the right (and the duty) to refuse to allow a man she is not married to to put an object into her body (**1Co 6:18; Deut 22:25**).
 - D. Jesus Christ refused to receive a drink that was offered to Him (**Mar 15:23**).

4. Christians must maintain a good conscience (**1Ti 1:19; 1Ti 3:9**).
 - A. A Christian has a right to not violate his conscience by receiving food or drink into his body which he deems unclean (**Rom 14:22-23**).
 - B. If a Christian cannot receive a Covid-19 "vaccine" injection into his body in good conscience because he believes it is an unclean substance, then he must not do so (**Rom 14:14**).
 - C. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin (**Rom 14:23**).

5. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1Co 6:19**).
 - A. We must glorify God with our bodies (**1Co 6:20**).
 - B. If a Christian believes that the Covid-19 "vaccine" which contains aborted fetal cells obtained through murder will defile his body, he has the right to refuse it.

6. Christian parents have also been given the right, duty, obligation, and responsibility to care for the minds and bodies of their children.
 - A. Children are a gift from God to the parent (**Psa 127:3**).
 - B. The parent is the responsible sovereign party over the child (**Eph 6:1, 4; 1Ti 5:8**) until a determined time of emancipation (**Gal 4:1-2; Joh 9:20-21**).
 - C. Therefore, it is the parents' right to refuse to allow their children to be injected with a vaccine which they do not deem to be suitable to them.

V. Facts to consider about the Covid-19 "vaccine."

1. The Covid-19 "vaccine" is not a vaccine.
 - A. A vaccine is a substance made of the organism (virus or bacteria) which causes a disease.
 - B. Vaccine *n.* - 1. Vaccination. 2. a. Vaccine matter used in vaccination. b. A preparation of the causative organism or substance of a disease (or its products) that has been specially treated for use in vaccination.
 - C. The Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 "vaccines" are not vaccines by definition because they do not contain the SARS-CoV-2 virus (if it actually exists, since it has been claimed that scientists have not yet been able to isolate it ¹⁷).
 - i. They use mRNA (messenger RNA) technology which instructs your cells to produce the spike protein which is caused by the virus.
 - ii. "The two authorized mRNA vaccines instruct your cells to reproduce a protein that is part of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which helps your body recognize and fight the virus, if it comes along. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the SARS-CoV-2 virus, so you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine." (Johns Hopkins Medicine, *COVID-19 Vaccines: Myth Versus Fact*, 8-4-2021) ¹⁸
 - iii. (Warning: the information in the article cited above is full of propaganda — I only used it because it is a mainstream source which states that the SARS-CoV-2 virus is not used in the "vaccine.")
 - D. The Merriam-Webster dictionary has changed the definition of "vaccine" to fool people into thinking that the Covid-19 injections are vaccines.
 - i. Here are the definitions of "vaccine" in the 2016 and 2021 editions of the Merriam-Webster dictionary. Notice the not-so-subtle change.
 - ii. Vaccine *n.* (2016 ed.) - a preparation of material (as of killed or weakened viruses or bacteria) used in vaccinating to produce or increase immunity to a disease

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¹⁷ <https://www.johnccarleton.org/BLOGGER/2021/08/07/written-proof-cdc-has-no-isolated-purified-sample-of-sars-cov-2-virus-that-causes-covid-19/>

¹⁸ <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines-myth-versus-fact>

- iii. Vaccine n. (2021 ed.) - 1: a preparation that is administered (as by injection) to stimulate the body's immune response against a specific infectious agent or disease: such as **a**: an antigenic preparation of a typically inactivated or attenuated (see ATTENUATED sense 2) pathogenic agent (such as a bacterium or virus) or one of its components or products (such as a protein or toxin) **b**: a preparation of genetic material (such as a strand of synthesized messenger RNA) that is used by the cells of the body to produce an antigenic substance (such as a fragment of virus spike protein)

E. "When words lose their meaning, people lose their freedom." (Confucius)

2. The Covid-19 "vaccine" has not been adequately tested.

- A. According to Johns Hopkins University, vaccines normally take 5-10 years or longer to be developed and FDA approved.¹⁹
- B. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 "vaccines" took less than a year to receive an FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), and the Pfizer shot was allegedly fully approved only about 15 months after clinical trials began.
- C. There were, of course, no long term studies done on the possible adverse effects of the "vaccines."
- D. The long-term studies of the Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 "vaccines" were sabotaged by the placebo group getting vaccinated.^{20 21}
- E. Pregnant women were not included in the trials²², but are nevertheless encouraged to get the "vaccine" because the CDC says it doesn't cause miscarriages²³, but "Thirty-four cases of pregnant women experiencing spontaneous miscarriages or stillbirths after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine have been submitted to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)."²⁴
- F. The fact is that we have no idea what the long term health consequences will be of the Covid-19 "vaccines."
 - i. Christians should prove all things, and hold fast that which is good (**1Th 5:21**).
 - ii. How can they do that on a new "vaccine" which has not been around long enough to be adequately tested?

3. The Covid-19 "vaccine" is dangerous and deadly.

- A. According to OpenVAERS.com, as of August 20, 2021, there have been 623,341 adverse event reports for the Covid-19 "vaccines" made to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) including 13,627 deaths, 55,821 hospitalizations, 74,368 urgent care visits, 100,966 office visits, 5,721 reports of anaphylaxis, 4,785 reports of Bell's Palsy, 1,671 miscarriages, 6,071 heart attacks, 5,093 reports of myocarditis/pericarditis, 17,794 permanently disabled, 2,831 thrombocytopenia /

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¹⁹ <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/vaccines/timeline>

²⁰ <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/02/19/969143015/long-term-studies-of-covid-19-vaccines-hurt-by-placebo-recipient-getting-immuni>

²¹ <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/qa-comirnaty-covid-19-vaccine-mrna>

²² <https://obgyn.uw.edu/news/pregnant-people-werent-included-covid-vaccine-studies-so-how-do-they-decide-about-shot>

²³ <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0811-vaccine-safe-pregnant.html>

²⁴ https://www.theepochtimes.com/3-dozen-cases-of-spontaneous-miscarriages-stillbirths-occurring-after-covid-19-vaccination_3716385.html?welcomeuser=1

low platelet, 14,105 life threatening injuries, 25,921 severe allergic reaction, and 7,324 reports of shingles.²⁵

- B. A insider whistleblower has sworn under penalty of perjury that she has seen VAERS information which shows that there have been at least 45,000 deaths from the Covid-19 "vaccines".
- i. "Thomas Renz, an attorney based in Ohio has started a lawsuit against the federal government for covering up the true number of deaths from the Covid-19 vaccines. According to Renz, a whistle-blower – referred to as Jane Doe – who is an insider and has seen information on the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) allegedly passed on the numbers and relevant information to him. At an event hosted by Awaken America, Renz said: “We have someone that has sworn under penalty of purgery [sic] that there have been at least 45,000 deaths.”” (Rights and Freedoms, 7-19-2021)²⁶
 - ii. It would not be surprising if this is true because vaccine injuries are known to be grossly underreported to the VAERS system.
 - iii. "A report submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2010 concluded that "fewer than one percent of vaccine adverse events are reported" by the VARES [sic] system." (Tucker Carlson, *Tucker Carlson: How many Americans have died after taking the COVID vaccine?*, 5-6-2021)²⁷
- C. The vaccine program for the 1976 swine flu was halted after it caused a tiny fraction of the deaths (under 100) and injuries that the Covid-19 "vaccines" have caused.²⁸
- D. The Covid-19 "vaccines" are more deadly than all other vaccines combined.
- i. "In just the first four months of this year, the U.S. government has recorded more deaths after COVID vaccinations than from all other vaccines administered in the United States between mid-1997 and the end of 2013. That’s a period of fifteen and a half years. Again, more people, according to VAERS, have died after getting the shot in four months during a single vaccination campaign than from all other vaccines combined over more than a decade and a half." (Tucker Carlson, *Tucker Carlson: How many Americans have died after taking the COVID vaccine?*, 5-6-2021)²⁹
 - ii. Before you take the "vaccine", I strongly recommend that you "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." **(1Th 5:21)**

4. The Covid-19 "vaccine" is not effective.

- A. There have been huge outbreaks of Covid-19 in highly vaccinated populations.
- i. "Israel was the first country on Earth to fully vaccinate a majority of its citizens against COVID-19. Now it has one of the world's highest daily infection rates — an average of nearly 7,500 confirmed cases a day, double

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²⁵ <https://www.openvaers.com/covid-data>

²⁶ <https://rightsandfreedoms.wordpress.com/2021/07/22/vaers-whistleblower-45000-dead-from-covid-19-vaccines-within-3-days-of-vaccination-sparks-lawsuit-against-federal-government/>

²⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/tucker-carlson-how-many-americans-have-died-after-taking-the-covid-vaccine>

²⁸ <https://www.nytimes.com/1976/10/13/archives/swine-flu-program-is-halted-in-9-states-as-3-die-after-shots.html>

²⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/tucker-carlson-how-many-americans-have-died-after-taking-the-covid-vaccine>

what it was two weeks ago. Nearly one in every 150 people in Israel today has the virus." (*Highly Vaccinated Israel Is Seeing A Dramatic Surge In New COVID Cases. Here's Why*, NPR, 8-20-2021) ³⁰

- ii. "About three-fourths of people infected in a Massachusetts Covid-19 outbreak were fully vaccinated against the coronavirus with four of them ending up in the hospital, according to new data published Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." (*CDC study shows 74% of people infected in Massachusetts Covid outbreak were fully vaccinated*, CNBC, 7-30-2021) ³¹

B. Why would anyone get a dangerous and deadly vaccine which does not prevent Covid-19 infection?

VI. Is the Covid-19 "vaccine" and the associated "vaccine passport" the mark of the beast?

1. The Covid-19 "vaccine" and associated "vaccine passport" appears *at the least* to be a big stepping stone on the road to the mark of the beast.
2. We do not yet know for certain what the mark of the beast is because prophecy is usually not understood fully until after it is fulfilled.
3. Nevertheless, as the shepherd and overseer of this church who is as a watchman on the wall, I am convicted that I must warn you of danger that I see coming (**Heb 13:17 c/w Eze 33:7-9**).
4. It's possible that the mark of the beast is not a physical mark, but rather a figurative mark.
 - A. The book of Revelation is given in signs and symbols (**Rev 1:1**).
 - i. Signify v. - 1. a. *trans.* To be a sign or symbol of; to represent, betoken, mean.
 - ii. Since so much of Revelation is written in symbolic and metaphorical language, it's certainly possible that the mark of the beast is described by such language as well.
 - B. The following is what I wrote in 2018 in the outline of the [Satan series](#) (part 32) (pp.127-128) in which I gave my best guess at that time as to what the mark of the beast is.
 - i. Seven is the number of completeness -- God rested on the seventh day when He *finished* His work (**Gen 2:1-2**).
 - ii. Six is the number of incompleteness and imperfection of man's works (it is the number of man - **Rev 13:18**).
 - a. It is repeated three times to signify that man has been a total failure.
 - b. Thus, the number of the beast represents man's works.
 - iii. The reprobate trust in their works for salvation (**Mat 7:22-23**).
 - a. Works-based religion could therefore be the mark of the beast.
 - b. All those who [are judged according to their] works have the mark and will all go to hell (**Rev 14:9-11 c/w Rev 20:11-15**).

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³⁰ <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/08/20/1029628471/highly-vaccinated-israel-is-seeing-a-dramatic-surge-in-new-covid-cases-heres-why>

³¹ <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/30/cdc-study-shows-74percent-of-people-infected-in-massachusetts-covid-outbreak-were-fully-vaccinated.html>

- iv. The beast's religion could likely be humanism.
 - a. Those who don't conform to the religion of humanism with its atheistic, feminist, sodomitical, and egalitarian doctrines, who will not worship the government system (the beast) that promotes and enforces them, and therefore do not have the mark, will be cut off from commerce and killed (**Rev 13:15-17**).
 - b. Those who refuse to go along with the system will stick out like a sore thumb or a big stamp on one's forehead, and everyone will be able to see that they don't have the mark.
 - c. This is already happening.
 - d. People have lost their jobs and had their careers ruined for speaking out against it.
 - e. I was cut off from using AirBnb because I would not sign their wicked policy regarding sodomites and transgenders.
 - f. There could very well come a time when most corporations, banks, payment companies like PayPal, etc. will enact policies which will make people consent to the humanistic beast system, or be cut off from commerce and not be able to buy or sell.
 - C. I don't know if I was right in 2018, nor do I know for certain if the Covid-19 "vaccine" and its associated "vaccine passport" is the mark of the beast or a precursor to it, but Christians should give serious due consideration to that possibility before they decide to take the "vaccine."
5. Let's consider what the Bible says about the mark of the beast, and ponder if the Covid-19 "vaccine" along with the associated "vaccine passport" could be it or could at least be an integral part of it.
- A. It is received in the right hand or in the forehead (**Rev 13:16**).
 - i. Receiving a physical mark in the right hand or forehead is not part of receiving the Covid-19 "vaccine"...yet.
 - ii. MIT has developed technology to inject a vaccine into a person and at the same time inject invisible quantum dot dye under the skin that can be read with a specially equipped smartphone.³²
 - iii. RFID chips which store personal information are already on the market and being used by some employers which can be embedded in one's hand under the skin.
 - a. "The River Fall, Wisconsin-based company hosted a "chip party" inviting its employees to voluntarily have their hands injected with an RFID chip the size of a grain of rice. The chip uses electromagnetic fields to identify electronically stored information. It is a form of near-field communications (NFC) which is the same as the technology used in contactless credit cards and mobile payments. A chip is implanted underneath the skin between the thumb and forefinger within seconds." (John McKenna, *These Workers Have*

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³² <https://news.mit.edu/2019/storing-vaccine-history-skin-1218>

Got a Microchip Implanted in Their Hand From Their Employer,
World Economic Forum, 8-11-2017)³³

- b. "“We foresee the use of RFID technology to drive everything from making purchases in our office break room market, opening doors, use of copy machines, logging into our office computers, unlocking phones, sharing business cards, storing medical/health information, and used as payment at other RFID terminals,” said Westby. “Eventually, this technology will become standardized allowing you to use this as your passport, public transit, all purchasing opportunities, etc.”” (Ibid) [underline mine - CEW]
- iv. So-called "vaccine passports" or "health passports" have been talked about for the last year and a half and are now being implemented.
 - a. There have been a number apps developed to store one's "vaccine passport" in an app on his smartphone³⁴.
 - b. They are already being used in different places around the world such as New York City³⁵ and California³⁶.
 - c. This could be the mark IN the right hand.
 - (i) If you have to use your smartphone to show proof of "vaccination" to buy or sell (and this is already happening), ask yourself, where is your smartphone located when you do so?
 - (ii) IN YOUR HAND.
 - (iii) Your smartphone is not ON your hand, but IN your hand.
 - (iv) I can't prove that this is the mark of the beast, but it does fit the description of a mark (QR code, etc. on a smartphone) IN the hand which is required to buy and sell (**Rev 13:16-17**).
 - (v) Why would a Christian want to take a risk of receiving the mark of the beast by getting the Covid-19 "vaccine" and then carrying around proof of it IN his hand to buy or sell?
 - d. The "vaccine passports" could easily be put in RFID chips that would be inserted in the hand which would be required in order to work and conduct financial transactions.
 - (i) This would be a more obvious and clear fulfillment of the mark of the beast.
 - (ii) The smartphone "vaccine passport" app could be a stepping stone towards it.

B. It is necessary to buy or sell (Rev 13:17**).**

- i. This is already happening with the Covid-19 "vaccine."
- ii. New York City has mandated that only people with proof of Covid-19 "vaccination" be allowed to go to restaurants, bars, gyms, and theaters.

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³³ <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/08/microchip-in-your-hand-rfid-32m>

³⁴ <https://www.insider.com/best-vaccine-passport-apps>

³⁵ <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass>

³⁶ <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/faq>

- a. "New York City will require proof of vaccination for people who want to dine indoors and take part in other activities like gyms and theaters and for those who work there. It is the city's most aggressive step yet in tackling the highly contagious delta variant. "This is a miraculous place, literally full of wonders," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "If you're vaccinated, all that's gonna open up to you. If you have the key, you can open the door. If you're unvaccinated, unfortunately, you will not be able to participate in many things."" (New York City launches vaccine passport, Fox 5 New York, 8-4-2021)³⁷
- b. It's likely only a matter of time until other cities follow suit.
- iii. States and countries are requiring proof of Covid-19 "vaccination" to participate in the economy.
 - a. California currently has a proposed bill that would require anyone entering a bar, restaurant, gym, hotel, event center or sports arena to show proof of vaccination.³⁸
 - b. France has mandated Covid "health pass" to "enter restaurants, planes, trains, and other public venues."³⁹
 - c. Italy likewise instituted a "green pass" which is "needed for indoor dining, gyms and theatres, as well as to attend big events such as conferences and sports games."⁴⁰
 - d. In France there are reports of armed guards at grocery stores preventing "unvaccinated" people from entering.⁴¹
 - e. Employers including many companies⁴², hospitals⁴³, the military⁴⁴, and many others already require proof of Covid-19 "vaccination" in order to work for them, which is making it increasingly more difficult for people without "the mark" to buy or sell.
- iv. There is open discussion about denying Medicare and health insurance to the "unvaccinated", and in some cases it is already being denied to institutions.
 - a. "President Joe Biden announced Wednesday that nursing homes must require all staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to receive funding through Medicare and Medicaid programs." (Medicare Funds for Nursing Homes Will Be Withheld if Workers Not Vaccinated, Biden Says, Newsweek, 8-18-2021)⁴⁵

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³⁷ <https://www.fox5ny.com/news/new-york-city-launches-vaccine-passport>

³⁸ <https://www.recordnet.com/story/news/state/2021/08/28/covid-vaccine-passport-california-lawmakers-weigh-mandate-proposal/5636491001/>

³⁹ <https://spectator.org/france-vaccine-passports/>

⁴⁰ <https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/italy-vaccine-passport-covid-delta-restaurants-b1889194.html>

⁴¹ <https://www.naturalnews.com/2021-08-23-france-starve-unvaccinated-block-grocery-stores-revolt.html>

⁴² <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/here-are-companies-mandating-vaccines-all-or-some-employees-n1275808>

⁴³ <https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/09/health/us-hospitals-demand-workers-vaccinated-partner/index.html>

⁴⁴ <https://nypost.com/2021/08/23/pentagon-requires-us-military-to-get-covid-19-vaccine/>

⁴⁵ <https://www.newsweek.com/medicare-funds-nursing-homes-will-withheld-if-workers-not-vaccinated-biden-says-1620803>

- b. There are calls being made by the media for private insurance companies ⁴⁶ and Medicare and Medicaid ⁴⁷ to penalize the "unvaccinated" by making them pay for Covid-19 medical bills out of pocket.
 - v. There is also open discussion about conditioning federal benefits on vaccination including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits, etc.
 - a. "Here's a good way to move people into getting vaccinated: Condition all federal benefits on proof of vaccination. That includes Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, military pensions, VA benefits, fed subsidized housing... ALL OF IT! I bet THAT will move things along." (Pam Keith - Florida attorney with 142,200 followers, Twitter, 7-30-2021) ⁴⁸
 - b. In an interview, Bill Gates smiled and nodded when asked if the unvaccinated should lose their social security benefits. ⁴⁹
- C. The mark of the beast is associated with the name of the beast and the number of his name (**Rev 13:17**) which is the number of a man, 666 (**Rev 13:18**).
 - i. It remains to be seen how the name of the beast and his number (666) will be connected to the mark of the beast.
 - ii. Remember, many times prophecy cannot be fully understood until after it has come to pass.
- D. The mark of the beast is always associated with worshiping the beast (**Rev 14:9, 11; Rev 16:2; Rev 19:20; Rev 20:4**).
 - i. Some people are confident that the Covid-19 "vaccines" and "vaccine passports" are not the mark of the beast because there is no worship of the beast associated it.
 - ii. But is that true?
 - iii. What is the beast?
 - a. The beast is a world empire which people worship (**Rev 13:4**) and has a powerful military (**Rev 13:4**), power to persecute the saints (**Rev 13:7**), and power over all nations (**Rev 13:7**).
 - b. All of these things are true of the US empire and the UN which it controls.
 - iv. Are people worshiping the beast today?
 - a. Worship *n.* - II. 7. a. Respect or honour shown to a person or thing. c. to do (one) worship: to show honour, pay respect or homage, to. 8. a. Reverence or veneration paid to a being or power regarded as

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⁴⁶ <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/anti-vax-prepared-pay-insurance-analysis/story?id=79289445>

⁴⁷ <https://www.econlib.org/should-the-unvaccinated-be-required-to-pay-for-hospital-bills/>

⁴⁸ <https://twitter.com/PamKeithFL/status/1421321244151107584>

⁴⁹ <https://iowa.forums.rivals.com/threads/bill-gates-nonvaccinated-should-be-withheld-their-social-security-benefits.364141/>

supernatural or divine; the action or practice of displaying this by appropriate acts, rites, or ceremonies.

- b. Worship v. - 1. a. *trans.* To honour or revere as a supernatural being or power, or as a holy thing; to regard or approach with veneration; to adore with appropriate acts, rites, or ceremonies. b. *transf.* To regard with extreme respect or devotion; to 'adore'.
- c. Do people worship the government which is trying to force the Covid-19 "vaccine" into the bodies of all its subjects and force them to carry proof of vaccination in their hand? Consider the following:
 - (i) US presidents are viewed as celebrities by most of the population.
 - 1. The liberal media and millions of Americans *adore* President Biden who is trying to force us to get "vaccinated."
 - 2. The "conservative" media and millions of Americans *adore* and even idolize Donald Trump⁵⁰ who ordered the swift creation of the Covid-19 "vaccine" via "Operation Warp Speed"⁵¹ and who encouraged his supporters to get it after he was out of office⁵².
 - 3. The Trump presidency should leave no doubt in anyone's mind how it could be possible that many professing Christians will wonder after the beast with the rest of the world (**Rev 13:3**).
 - (ii) Many Americans worship the military.
 - 1. Before you try to tar and feather me, know that I am a veteran who spent eight years in the army, one year of which was in a combat zone.
 - 2. Most Americans believe and proclaim that there is no country in the world that can stand up to the US military, basically saying: "who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (**Rev 13:4**).
 - 3. I'm sure you've all seen the blasphemous saying on shirts, signs, etc. which says, "Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul. The other died for your freedom."
 - 4. We've all seen bumper stickers which say: "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English thank a veteran."
 - 5. Soldiers get to board planes first, get applauded on flights, constantly hear "thank you for your service," and get all kinds of free things on Veteran's Day and at other times.

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⁵⁰ <https://pastorwagner.com/trump>

⁵¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/trump-administration-breathtaking-operation-warp-speed-success-nih-director>

⁵² <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/aug/22/donald-trump-rally-alabama-covid-vaccine>

6. There were "Support the Troops" signs everywhere for years during the evil and worthless "War on Terror."
- (iii) Most people are scared of being called "unpatriotic" for not supporting their government. After all, it would be sacrilegious to criticize the beast.
- (iv) Before sporting events, school board meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, etc., and at the beginning of every school day Americans participate in the religious rite of pledging allegiance to the flag and the republic (the government).
1. Pledge *v.* - 1. a. *trans.* To become surety for, make oneself responsible for (a person, thing, or statement).
 2. Do you want to make yourself responsible for what the US government does? Not me!
 3. Allegiance *n.* - 1. The relation of a liege lord; lordship. *Obs.* (last usage in 1425) 2. The relation or duties of a liege-man to his liege-lord; the tie or obligation of a subject to his sovereign, or government. 3. *fig.* The recognition of the claims which anything has to our respect and duty.
 4. Liege *adj.* - 1. The characteristic epithet of persons in the relation of feudal superior and vassal. a. Of the superior: Entitled to feudal allegiance and service.
 5. By pledging allegiance to the flag and the republic, Americans are promising to be slaves of the government.
 - a. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou *serve*" (**Mat 4:10**).
 - b. Serve *v.* - I. To be a servant (to), render service (to). 1. a. *intr.* To be a servant; to perform the duties of a servant. b. To be a slave or bondman; to be in bondage; to labour as a bondman.
 6. Think about this the next time you "pledge allegiance" to the government (the beast).
- (v) Most Americans render reverential and fearful obedience to the CDC and the government when they order them to do tyrannical things like shutting down churches and businesses, wearing a facemask, staying away from other people, and getting a "vaccine."
- (vi) Many, and in a lot of cases *most*, Americans rely on the beast to take care of them from cradle to grave including:
1. feeding them (food stamps)
 2. housing them (government subsidized housing and loans)

3. raising, babysitting, feeding, and educating their children (public schools)
 4. providing their healthcare (ObamaCare, Medicaid, Medicare)
 5. saving them from pandemics and infectious diseases (Covid-19)
 6. providing for their retirement (Social Security)
 7. taking care of them when disaster strikes (FEMA)
 8. providing them money when they lose their jobs (unemployment benefits)
- (vii) People should be providing for all of these needs themselves.
1. They should be trusting in God to provide these needs, but instead they look to the beast and trust it to provide them.
 2. Just think about it: what does the average American do when he loses his job, can't pay his rent or mortgage, can't afford food, needs medical insurance, needs help caring for or educating his children, gets old and needs taken care of, a natural disaster destroys his property, or a virus is spreading in his nation? He looks to the beast and starts filling out government forms instead of looking to God to take care of him.
 3. Is this an act of worshiping the beast instead of God?
 4. Think about it before you answer too quickly.
- (viii) "What is the biggest, most powerful "god" in America? It is the state. No question about it. The state is immensely powerful. It possesses **a fiercely devoted following** (millions upon millions), **a hymnody** (God Bless America, Star Spangled Banner, Battle Hymn of the Republic, etc.), **a canonized sainthood** (Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln, Roosevelt, etc.), **scripture** (The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc.), **its own icons /symbols** (American Flag, Liberty Bell, Eagle, etc.), **temples** (Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the Pentagon, etc.), **requires mandatory tithing and indulgences** (as much as 1/3 of your income, fines, etc.), **oaths** (The Pledge of Allegiance, military officer oath, politicians oath, etc.) and more. Who do people often petition rather than God when they have big problems? Who do people run to for protection? Who do people expect to provide for their needs, give them good health, educate their kids, and create jobs for them? The state." (Patrick Stephens, *Top*

- v. Worshipping the beast may include more than just simply bowing down to it.
 - a. Worshipping often involves bowing the head (**Gen 24:26**) and falling down to the ground (**Dan 3:5**).
 - (i) In the case of worshipping the beast, this wouldn't necessarily have to be the case.
 - (ii) Some people think that worshipping requires bowing down to the ground, and therefore they think that men cannot be worshipping the beast if they are not bowing down to ground in front of it/him.
 1. Such people refute their own theory every time they go to church to worship God.
 2. How many pastors and Christians do you know that fall down on their faces during a church service to worship God?
 3. The answer is very few, if any; and if it does happen, it is extremely rare.
 4. Does this mean that we do not worship God? No, of course not.
 5. We worship God by presenting our bodies living sacrifices in the church; praying to God with thanksgiving, praise, adoration, and supplication for our needs; singing praises to Him; learning about Him through the preaching of the word; keeping the ordinances which remind us of what God has done for us; and presenting our offerings to Him.
 - (iii) Remember, the beast is a government, a world empire, so there is no physical thing to bow down to.
 - (iv) The second beast/false prophet (**Rev 13:11-13**) and the image of the beast (**Rev 13:14-15**) are physical things that men could worship by falling down before them.
 - (v) But, the worship of the beast could be less obvious than that.
 - (vi) Remember the definition of worship.
 1. Worship *v.* - 1. a. *trans.* To honour or revere as a supernatural being or power, or as a holy thing; to regard or approach with veneration; to adore with appropriate acts, rites, or ceremonies. b. *transf.* To regard with extreme respect or devotion; to 'adore'.
 2. The primary definition of *worship* in the OED doesn't even mention falling down or bowing down.

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⁵³ <http://circadeum.com/top-ten-american-false-gods/10/>

3. The beast could be worshiped by way of men honouring, revering, and adoring it and trusting in it to provide for them in place of God.
 - b. **Worshiping something is tied to *serv*ing it (Deut 4:19; Deut 17:3; Deut 29:26; Deut 30:17; 1Ki 16:31).**
 - (i) Serve v. - I. To be a servant (to), render service (to). 1. a. *intr.* To be a servant; to perform the duties of a servant. b. To be a slave or bondman; to be in bondage; to labour as a bondman.
 - (ii) **Worshiping the beast could be done by rendering service to it in place of God.**
 1. Serving someone is done by obeying him (**Jos 24:24**).
 2. Whomever we obey is whom we serve (**Rom 6:16**).
 3. Serving God acceptably is done with reverence and godly fear (**Heb 12:28**).
 4. Serving someone is following him (**Joh 12:26**).
 5. We serve whom we belong to (**Act 27:23**), and we obey and are under the control of whom we belong to.
 - (iii) **Following, revering, and fearing the beast by obeying it's dictates to wear a mask, social distance, get a "vaccine" and a "vaccine passport", etc. could be an act of worshiping the beast.**
 - c. **Worship is tied to turning aside, walking after other gods, and serving them (Deut 8:19; Deut 11:16; Jer 13:10).**
 - (i) This happens when people forget God (**Deut 8:19**).
 - (ii) Walking after someone and serving him (worshiping him) is associated with fearing him, keeping his commandments, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him (**Deut 13:4**).
 - (iii) Men could worship the beast by fearing it, obeying it, and cleaving to it faithfully.
 - d. **Worship is also tied to making sacrifices (2Ki 17:36).**
 - (i) How many people have sacrificed their jobs, mental and physical health, social lives, and children's wellbeing to serve the beast and its Covid-19 lockdown, mask, and "vaccine" mandates?
 - (ii) These sacrifices could be part of worshiping the beast.
 - e. **Worshiping false gods is associated with loving, serving, walking after, and seeking them (Jer 8:2).**
 - (i) These are the same acts that godly men do to worship God.
 - (ii) Those who love, serve, follow, and seek the protection and provision of the beast could be doing so in an act of worship.
6. Could the Covid-19 "vaccine" along with the associated "vaccine passport" required to buy and sell be the mark of the beast?
- A. Based on what we have seen so far, it's possible. If not the mark itself, it is likely a precursor to it.

- B. It bears some of the characteristics of the mark of the beast, far more so than anything that has come before it.
 - i. Things like social security numbers, drivers licenses, credit cards, smart phones, etc. may have also been stepping stones on the road to the mark of the beast, but they are in a totally different category than the Covid-19 "vaccines" and "vaccine passports."
 - ii. Not having some of those other things might have made life a little inconvenient, but not getting the Covid-19 "vaccine" and producing proof of it is literally prohibiting people from buying and selling by barring them from having a job ⁵⁴, going to restaurants ⁵⁵, and even going to some grocery stores in France ⁵⁶.
- C. Those who receive the mark of the beast go to the lake of fire (**Rev 14:9-11**).
 - i. So before you take the risk, you better be absolutely certain that the Covid-19 "vaccine" along with the "vaccine passport" is not the mark of the beast.
 - ii. Most people agree that the Covid-19 "vaccine" and associated "vaccine passport" is a *precursor* to the mark of the beast, but nobody can be *sure* that it is *not* the mark of the beast itself.
 - iii. Why would any Christian willingly take a precursor to the mark of the beast, or something that could be the actual mark of the beast, knowing that those who receive the mark go to the lake of fire?
 - iv. Is it worth it to gain the whole world (a job, government benefits, healthcare, or even food at a grocery store) and lose your own soul? (**Mar 8:36**)
 - v. Faithful Christians will get victory over the mark of the beast and have a place in heaven (**Rev 15:2**).
 - a. Victory *n.* - 1. The position or state of having overcome an enemy or adversary in combat, battle, or war; supremacy or superiority achieved as the result of armed conflict.
 - b. This means that Christians should be resisting and fighting the mark of the beast and anything which clearly leads to it.
 - c. We should not be flirting with eternal damnation by willingly receiving what we acknowledge is a precursor to the mark of the beast.

7. Could the Covid-19 "vaccine" and associated "vaccine passport" be a stepping stone to the mark of the beast?

- A. It most certainly could be since the "vaccine" and the "vaccine passport" associated with it bear eerily similar characteristics to the mark of the beast such as being required to buy or sell.
- B. It's hard to imagine that it is *not* a major stepping stone to the mark of the beast.

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⁵⁴ <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/here-are-companies-mandating-vaccines-all-or-some-employees-n1275808>

⁵⁵ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-03/nyc-to-require-restaurant-customers-to-show-vaccination-proof>

⁵⁶ <https://www.naturalnews.com/2021-08-23-france-starve-unvaccinated-block-grocery-stores-revolt.html>

8. Could those who get the Covid-19 "vaccine" be worshipping the beast?
 - A. If a person already got the Covid-19 "vaccine" because of health concerns and not because he wanted to obey the beast in order to buy and sell, then this would not be an act of worshipping the beast.
 - B. If in the future a person decides to get the "vaccine" and the "vaccine passport" because he fears the beast and fears not being able to buy and sell and provide for himself, then it's possible that that man is worshipping the beast.
 - C. Therefore, a believer better seriously consider before getting the "vaccine" in the future if he is going to do so because of threats of not being able to buy and sell.

9. Objections to the possibility that the Covid-19 "vaccine" and the associated "vaccine passport" is the mark of the beast.
 - A. *"Some of my family, friends, or brethren have gotten the vaccine."*
 - i. Some might object and say that the Covid-19 "vaccine" can't be the mark of the beast because a lot of their family, friends, or even church brethren have gotten it.
 - a. That is not an argument.
 - b. We all have family and friends that have received the "vaccine."
 - c. But that doesn't determine whether or not it's the mark of the beast.
 - d. Only scripture determines that.
 - ii. If they got the vaccine for purely health reasons, then that's one thing (see previous section).
 - iii. If they get it in the future in order to obey the beast so that they can buy and sell, that's another thing.
 - iv. When the mark of the beast does come (if it's not already here) we will all have plenty of family and friends that will get it.
 - B. *"Nobody will be tricked into getting the mark of the beast."*
 - i. Some might object by saying that the mark of the beast will be obvious and nobody will be tricked into receiving it, but all who get it will do so knowingly and willingly.
 - ii. Why would someone think this, given the fact that Satan is a great deceiver who deceives the whole world? **(Rev 12:9; Rev 20:8, 10)**
 - iii. Those who receive the mark of the beast are *deceived* into getting it **(Rev 13:14-17; Rev 19:20)**.
 - a. Deceive v. - 1. *trans.* To ensnare; to take unawares by craft or guile; to overcome, overreach, or get the better of by trickery; to beguile or betray into mischief or sin; to mislead.
 - b. In other words, those who get the mark *will be* tricked into getting it.
 - c. Be not deceived into receiving the mark by thinking you cannot be deceived into receiving it.
 - C. *"As long as you worship God in a true church, you will never get the mark."*
 - i. Some might object by saying that since the mark of the beast is always associated with worship, as long as you are worshipping the true God in a true church, you will not be worshipping the beast, and therefore will never get the mark of the beast.

- ii. For one thing, there will always be goats who creep into the church among the sheep who will be perfectly capable of *appearing* to worship God while worshipping the beast (**Mat 7:15, 21-23; Jud 1:4**).
 - iii. Furthermore, people can worship the LORD (or at least be doing so outwardly) *and* worship false gods (**2Ki 17:26-28, 33, 41**).
 - iv. Also, there is more to worshipping God in truth than attending church services, keeping the ordinances, singing, praying, and listening to sermons.
 - a. Those things are absolutely necessary.
 - b. But in addition to that, part of true worship is fearing God above all else, trusting and relying only on Him for your needs and protection, and rendering absolute obedience to Him alone.
 - c. If you do all these things, you will not be worshipping the beast nor relying on it or its mark to provide for your needs.
 - v. The best way to have assurance that one is not a reprobate is by worshipping God in spirit and in truth (**Joh 4:23-24**) and *not taking the mark of the beast or anything that bears a striking similarity to it like a "vaccine passport."*
- D. *"It's just a precursor to the mark of the beast, but not the mark itself."*
- i. Some might object that the Covid-19 "vaccine" and the associated "vaccine passport" is just a precursor to the mark of the beast, so it's okay to get it like the other things we have accepted which were precursors to the beast system.
 - ii. As I mentioned above, the Covid-19 "vaccine" and the associated "vaccine passport" is different than anything that has come before it because not getting it is literally preventing people from buying and selling which is a fundamental characteristic of the mark of the beast (**Rev 13:17**).
 - iii. If it's such an obvious precursor to the mark of the beast, why in the world would a Christian get it?
 - iv. How will you know at what point to draw your line in the sand before it turns into the mark of the beast?
 - a. If you will take the vaccine in order to keep your job, keep your government benefits, access public places, buy food, or travel, will you then get a "vaccine passport" card to be able to do so when the beast demands it?
 - (i) You could still tell yourself that it's not the mark of the beast because it's not in your hand or forehead yet.
 - (ii) "It's just a precursor to the mark," you might say to yourself.
 - b. If you will get the "vaccine passport" card, will you then get the app on your smartphone which stores your vaccine status and is required to be scanned every time you enter a grocery store, restaurant, or traveling checkpoint?
 - (i) You could still tell yourself that it's not the mark of the beast because it's not physically in your hand or forehead yet.
 - (ii) "It's just a precursor to the mark," you might say to yourself.
 - c. If you get the "vaccine passport" app on your smartphone, will you then get the RFID chip in your right hand to be used instead of the

app in order to enter a grocery store, restaurant, or traveling checkpoint at the behest of the beast?

- (i) You could still tell yourself that it's not the mark of the beast because you're not worshipping the beast yet.
 - (ii) "It's just a precursor to the mark," you might say to yourself.
- d. If you get the RFID chip in your right hand, will you then do a Japanese-style bow to the beast at the end of every transaction?
- (i) You could still tell yourself that it's not the mark of the beast because your not *actually* worshipping the beast yet.
 - (ii) "It's just a precursor to the mark," you might say to yourself.
 - (iii) "It's just a polite bow, not an act of worship," you might say to yourself.
- e. If you do a Japanese-style bow to the beast at the end of every transaction, will you then fall down and worship the beast every time you see it or its image?
- (i) You could still tell yourself that it's not the mark of the beast because your not worshipping the beast *in your heart*.
 - (ii) "It's just a precursor to the mark," you might say to yourself.
 - (iii) "I'm just doing this act of worship outwardly so that I can eat and survive, but I'm not really worshipping the beast *in my heart*," you might say to yourself.
- f. At what point in this slippery slope of six steps did it cease to be a "precursor" to the mark of the beast and become the actual mark of the beast?
- (i) If you compromise on the first step and get the "vaccine" in order to work, buy, sell, and travel, what makes you think you will be strong enough to resist the next steps?
 - (ii) This is deadly serious since those that get the mark of the beast go to the lake of fire (**Rev 14:9-11**).

10. What if someone has already gotten the Covid-19 "vaccine"?

- A. If you got the "vaccine" in the past because of health concerns and not out of fear of the beast and being cut off from commerce, then you did not do so in an act of worship of the beast, so I would not worry about it.
- B. If you are concerned that you might have sinned by doing so, pray to God and beg Him for mercy.
- C. It doesn't appear that the Covid-19 "vaccine" itself is the mark of the beast, but the "vaccine passport" could be a precursor to it.
- D. Therefore, I believe that we should all draw our line in the sand *right now* and *go no further*. I strongly suggest...
 - i. If you haven't gotten the Covid-19 "vaccine", *do not get it*.
 - ii. If you have gotten it, do not get anymore shots, do not accept a "vaccine passport", and do not get a chip put in your hand or forehead.

- VII. What if you lose your job or suffer deprivation for refusing the Covid-19 "vaccine."
1. Anyone considering getting the Covid-19 "vaccine" should ask himself whether getting it is an act of *faith* or *fear*?
 - A. Are you considering getting the "vaccine" as an act of *faith*, believing that God wants you to get it, or are you doing so in an act of *fear* because you are afraid of getting Covid-19, dying from Covid-19, losing your job, not being able to travel, not being able to socialize in public, or not being able to buy food and necessary things for yourself or your family?
 - B. If you are motivated by fear to get the "vaccine", then you better consider your ways.
 - C. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (**2Ti 1:7**).
 - D. When we are afraid of men who are oppressing us and trying to daily swallow us up, we need to trust in God, not in a "vaccine" (**Psa 56:1-4**).
 - E. Even if an army of enemies gather against us, we must not fear (**Psa 27:1-3**).
 - F. Resolve to be in God's house to worship Him each week and let God take care of protecting you (**Psa 27:4-6**).
 2. God has promised to provide for your basic needs (**Php 4:19; Psa 34:9-10; Psa 37:25; Psa 55:22; Pro 10:3; Isa 41:17; Mat 6:31-34**).
 - A. Do you believe that?
 - i. Do you believe that God could provide you with another job if your employer fires you for refusing the Covid-19 "vaccine"?
 - ii. Do you believe that God could provide you with a job or another source of income if the government cuts off your benefits for refusing the Covid-19 "vaccine"?
 - iii. Do you believe that God could provide you with food if the grocery stores refuse you entry because you haven't gotten the Covid-19 "vaccine"?
 - iv. Do you believe that God could make a way for you to see your family again if the airlines refuse you service because you haven't gotten the Covid-19 "vaccine"?
 - B. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (**Eph 3:20**).
 - C. With God nothing shall be impossible (**Luk 1:37**).
 - D. There will be Christians who make it through the last days during the reign of the beast until the last day when Christ returns to deliver them (**1Th 4:16-17; Rev 20:9**).
 - E. But even if God does not decide to deliver us and lets us die as martyrs, we must be resolved that we will not receive the mark of the beast and worship his image (whatever it ends up being) (**Dan 3:16-18**).
 - i. The LORD honored the resolve of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and saved them from death (**Dan 3:26-28**).
 - ii. God can do the same for us if it is His will to do so.
 - iii. What a time to be alive! Thank God for the privilege of serving in these trying times!
 - F. If you are afraid or anxious, cast your cares upon the LORD (**Php 4:6-7; 1Pe 5:7**).

3. Another deprivation that refusing the vaccine could cause (and already has for some people) is loss of relationships with friends and family.
 - A. If possible, try to live peaceably with all men (**Rom 12:18; Heb 12:14**), especially with brethren in the church (**1Th 5:13**).
 - B. Unfortunately, sometimes firm stands that we take on principle, whether Biblical or on matters of conscience, do cause strife and division with family and friends (**Mic 7:6; Luk 12:53; Mat 10:34-37**).
 - C. Remember that only by pride cometh contention (**Pro 13:10; Pro 28:25**), so try to be humble as you discuss your convictions when it comes to the Covid-19 "vaccine."
 - D. Also remember that a soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger (**Pro 15:1, 18; Pro 25:15**).

4. Practical advice
 - A. Get out of debt ASAP.
 - B. Learn to live on less.
 - C. Save money in case you need to go for an extended period without income.
 - i. How many years could you go without income?
 - a. For the vast majority of people the answer is "less than one" (and *far less* for most).
 - b. If you are 18, this is understandable.
 - c. If you are 70 (unless you are planning to die tomorrow), this is a serious problem.
 - ii. How many months could you go without income?
 - iii. If the answer is "not many", you better get saving.
 - iv. Most Americans have very little money saved.
 - a. "nearly one-in-four Americans have no emergency savings at all" (*Nearly a quarter of Americans have no emergency savings*, CNN Money, 6-20-2018)⁵⁷
 - b. A quarter of Americans are a flat tire away from bankruptcy if they lose their jobs or government benefits.
 - c. "More than half, 51%, of Americans have less than three months' worth of emergency savings" (*Over half of Americans have less than 3 months worth of emergency savings*, CNBC, 7-28-2021)⁵⁸
 - d. Half of Americans are less than three months away from bankruptcy if they lose their jobs or government benefits.
 - e. This is very concerning.
 - D. If you are a man who can work, get a job and start laying up for the future.
 - E. If you think your job is at risk because of Covid-19 "vaccine" requirements, start taking steps to protect yourself.
 - i. The first thing to do is nothing. Just wait and see if your employer says you need to get vaccinated before you tell him that you can't.
 - ii. If the "vaccine" is mandated at your place of employment, submit a religious exemption letter to your employer.

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⁵⁷ <https://money.cnn.com/2018/06/20/pf/no-emergency-savings/index.html>

⁵⁸ <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/28/51percent-of-americans-have-less-than-3-months-worth-of-emergency-savings.html>

- iii. If you work for a company with over 100 employees which is subject to Comrade Biden's executive order, look for a job at a small company that doesn't require a Covid "vaccine" and is not subject to the order.
- iv. If you want to keep your job at a large company, request to become a 1099 independent contractor instead of an employee.
 - a. Explain to your employer that you could still do your job just as you do now as an employee and your responsibilities and commitment would not change.
 - b. Explain that it would actually be easier for them because they won't have to pay payroll taxes, health insurance, workman's comp, unemployment insurance, etc.
 - c. Just make sure that they agree to pay you enough so that you can pay the income tax, payroll taxes (Social Security, Medicare, etc.), health insurance, 401k contributions, and any other benefits your employer currently provides to you.
 - d. If you go that route, be sure to save money from each paycheck and put it in a separate account to pay your income and payroll taxes with each quarter.
- F. If your health insurance is at risk of being canceled, or your premiums are going to be raised for being "unvaxxed", consider a health cost sharing program like Christian Healthcare Ministries (<https://chministries.org>).
- G. Lay up dried or canned food just in case of emergency.
- H. Start gardening or at least buying produce from local sources and drying or canning it to learn to be self-sufficient.
- I. In other words, do a lot of the things I have been telling you to do for years.
- 5. "Everyone should examine their current employment and prepare for alternate work. Start reducing debt, build up savings, consider how to live without health insurance, and cut back on expenses. The fight for employment is just beginning; the better we position ourselves to weather the coming economic siege, the longer we can maintain self-sufficiency and freedom." (Andrew Skousen, World Affairs Brief, p. 14, 8-20-2021)
- 6. "We fear the insecurity of the unknown and won't cut the ties ourselves especially when we are saddled with debt, monthly payments, and a family to feed. It is important not to cut lifelines like a good job too quickly, but when you are doing what is right and a door is closed on you, the Lord will often open a window. Stand by your conscience and the Lord will stand by you. You will not regret it in the long-term. When you walk away from bad choices (and don't keep thinking about going back) you will feel relieved and free. Other pathways will open up, or you will find ways to lighten your burdens and debts. You can make do without a great many things." (Ibid, p. 13)