

WHY 2020 WILL BE PIVOTAL FOR THE WORLD

Why Christians May Be Going Home Sooner Than Later
by Tom Lanier

What is really going on right now around the world? Disease, economy, and global governance are in our face. Has the God of the Bible given us insights to this time at hand? Yes indeed. Below is a quick reference to click on to go to the topics you're curious about. The details are on the following pages.

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The biggest reason I believe 2020 or soon after may be the year of a global mass disappearance

At www.ID2020.org you can see that a global identification mark is in the process and they intend to initiate it THIS YEAR, 2020. They call it a Certification Mark. It may not be THE Mark [of the Beast], but it is definitely a/the precursor to it. As [Jan Markell](#) notes, "You need a beast before you can have the mark of the beast." The ID2020 website has been up since 2016.

Did you know that Sweden has already been using a system for several years that uses a chip under the skin of their hand that allows them to unlock doors, buy and sell, and replaces their ID cards? You can watch a video about it [here](#).

Once the world requires this system globally, people, including authorities, will want a quick check to see if you have the chip so therein lies the need for the visible mark. This mark will also be verification that you've been vaccinated—a contrived major concern by then.

By displaying this mark on your business and personal advertising and social media outlets, it will show that you are participating in the global system. They already have chip installation parties in Sweden as you'll see in the above video. They are giddy about receiving it. Some are gleefully calling themselves Cyborgs referring to half human/half machine beings depicted on sci-fi TV and movies. Once this goes global, there will be huge events around the world that will have celebrities and dignitaries hosting the events and making it a big concert-like celebration to draw people in.

Why the need for a global mass disappearance

There will need to be a catastrophic global event that happens suddenly on *one day* for this new global governance to initiate complete dominance regarding the economy, personal and property rights (freedoms), and religion (to emotionally pool people together). This catastrophe will cause the people of the world to reel with utter confusion, disbelief, and question their religious and spiritual foundations. This new world order will claim to package all of that in the new system. They will introduce a new leader who will con the world for three and a half years into believing he can lead in all these areas. This is the reason, prophetically speaking, that this catastrophe will need to occur suddenly on one day because God gives mankind the specific timeline to follow while the events of the Tribulation unfold. One reason He gives the timeline, is to prove to the world that what they are observing are the events that are foretold in the Biblical account. Second, is so that when these events occur, the people that are keeping track and

believe will know what to do and when as prescribed in Scripture. Third, it will give those who are keeping track, a countdown so they know how much longer they'll have to endure the extreme hardships. It will be a way of providing hope to them.

The Rapture

This word comes from the Greek word *raptus* which means snatched or carried away. This will be noted in certain terms as a global mass disappearance. It may be blamed on space aliens via UFOs. They may call Christians extraterrestrials and refer to the verses:

Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.*"
(John 18:36 NKJV)

For *our citizenship is in heaven*, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
(Philippians 3:20 NKJV)

One of the verses referring to the Rapture

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (*raptus*) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NKJV)

More on this subject in the included resource *From Here to Eternity: God's Timeline*.

This event will see the instant disappearance of millions of born again Christians around the world. Whether the people on Earth will see Jesus and the Christians in the air isn't told. Born again refers to:

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
(John 3:3 NKJV)

Read more [here](#).

What about the so-called Christians that are left behind?

This means they weren't born again. Jesus isn't playing favorites or taking people with Him on a deserving basis. You can't earn salvation and you can't be good enough to be raptured. If you have Him living within you at that time then you'll be raptured. Go [here](#) to read up on that.

What is the Mark of the Beast?

He (the Anti-Christ) causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.
(Revelation 13:16-18 NKJV)

The number sequence of 666 is already associated with the World Bank. Quite a few years back, a lot of Social Security checks here in the USA were accidentally printed with this sequence before the person's Social Security number (SSN), for example 666-123-45-6789. People flipped out and the administration called it an error. There was a consideration to recall the checks, but I don't recall if that happened or if they directed people to simply deposit their checks as is.

Here is a current example on this US government educational funding [website](#) (FASFA):

Special instructions for citizens of the Freely Associated States.

“If you do not have an SSN and are a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Palau, otherwise known as the Freely Associated States, enter 666 in the first three positions of the SSN field and leave the remaining six positions blank. When your application is processed, the last six digits of the SSN will be assigned to you. You should save that number and continue to use the same one every year you complete a FAFSA.

If our system has assigned you a nine-digit identifier beginning with 888, enter that identifier, but replace the 888 with 666.”

Global economic collapse and a new digital currency

Insiders to Wall Street and Washington, D.C. like Nomi Prins have exposed the 100 year dominance of the global financial system by JPMorgan Chase and Citi Bank along with the cooperation of the US Federal Reserve and World Bank/IMF. Over the last 100 years, they have formed alliances with Bank of America and Wells Fargo and central banks around the world to create a control that outweighs any government's strength.

A Rothchild said over 200 years ago, “Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws.”

These financiers, now being called Elites, have taken our global economic system to the precipice of disaster intentionally for their immediate gain and to force our world to accept the next form of currency that they've wanted all along—a digital cryptocurrency that they, alone, can control. People will be bamboozled into thinking that they will have control over their own finances and their identity with the Certification Mark, but the transparency that is promised will mostly be for the sake of those in control so they can identify those that don't comply with their demands such as vaccinations and taking the Mark. The Bible shows us how this will play out:

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.
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China is now insisting that the current reliance on the American dollar be replaced with a global digital currency. This falls in line with what the global Elites want anyway and want asap.

Hiding behind the skirt of Safety, Health, and Vaccines

The previously stated implications of receiving the mark isn't the whole story. Those who don't take the mark will eventually be killed. This not only helps eliminate the so-called troublemakers that don't cooperate with the global progressivism but also helps reduce the global population which has been on their plate for many decades. Bill Gates is an outspoken proponent of this as quoted, “I fund population control. I'm very big on the United Way” in *George* magazine in 1997. This terminology “population control” became unpopular soon after so new phrases were invented to attempt to hide the truth from the naive. Terms such as “women's empowerment”, “reproductive health”, and “family planning” took its place. Other more empowering sounding jargon such as “a woman's right to choose” and “Pro Choice” have dominated the political landscape for years. It all means the same thing--birth control and murder inside the womb, more commonly called abortion. The institution, Planned Parenthood, in partnership with The United Way, have been the largest funder and provider of infant mortality on the planet. Millions of children have been murdered in the name of women's health or choice. The real reason in most cases was inconvenience. There is no difference between this and when people used to sacrifice their children “to the gods” by way of burning them alive or slaughtering them. The gods in our modern times are called self, career, relationships, poverty, and having fun. You can read much more on this and the global organizations and efforts for population reduction in this [article](#) that attempted to downplay all of this.

Life begins at conception:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.
(Psalms 139:13 NKJV)

New lives are a *good* thing, not a curse on the Earth:

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a *reward*.
(Psalms 127:3 NKJV)

Bill Gates, the World Health Organization, the John Hopkins Center for Health Security and other major players all meet once a year to discuss global pandemic solutions. Their latest meeting in October 2019 was called [Event 201](#). They are pushing for a global vaccine to curb the COVID-19 virus. They may try to couple this with the Certification Mark to show folks that you've received the vaccine. The bottom line is using these supposed health crises to accomplish their global governance agenda and hide it behind the skirt of safety, health, and vaccines.

One world government, the UN, and its new leader

In his [article](#) called *COVID-19: A Global Conditioning*, Gary Kah sums up this topic by saying:

Gordon Brown, the current United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education. According to a March 26 article in Life Site News, Brown has called for "the creation of a global government to cope with the coronavirus pandemic." The article goes on to explain:

Gordon Brown, who was both Prime Minister and leader of Britain's left-wing Labour Party from 2007 until 2010, told British media that the world government he proposed would address the medical and financial crises caused by COVID-19. It would direct efforts to find a vaccine for the virus, organize its production and purchase, and stop profiteers. It would also direct the response of the central banks, protect emerging world markets, and "agree a joint approach to the use of government spending to boost growth."

"There has to be a coordinated global response...We need some sort of working executive," he added. Brown also said that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund need, as the Guardian paraphrased, "an increase to their financial firepower to cope with the impact of the crisis..."

Did you notice the phrase "We need some sort of working executive"? Translated, that is *world leader*.

5G and tracking

One of the goals of 5G and the reason that the dangerous affects of this technology have been ignored, is that it seems to be the quickest answer to tightening the grid for tracking purposes. Initially the health tracing benefits will be promoted so that people that are known to be infected can be traced now and traced retroactively. This is already being done in South Korea according to this [article](#). Another tracking benefit that will be promoted is finding criminals. That is a wide net. Criminals will be anyone that don't cooperate with the new system. That includes folks that won't take the vaccines or the mark, though the mark will possibly become the tracking device eventually. This will eventually include Christians since we won't take the mark as noted:

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

(Revelation 14:9-10 NKJV)

Why will people be damned by God for receiving the mark of the Beast? The answer is in **bold** below.

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and **cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark** on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.
(Revelation 13:11-18 NKJV)

To clarify, if a person worships the beast (which will be denouncing Jesus Christ, the Son of God), and takes the mark, God will denounce him/her and won't ever receive him/her as His own. On the other hand, there is great eternal benefit (in *italics*) for those who *don't* worship the beast or his image or take the mark:

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And *they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*
(Revelation 20:4 NKJV)

If you're still here in that time, you might say, "But if I don't take the mark, then I won't be able to work or buy or pay my rent or house payment. My bank account will probably be locked. What do you expect me to do!? You say I will eventually be beheaded as ludicrous as that sounds. I don't want to die. I don't see an alternative."

I assure you, if you refuse to take the mark, the Lord Jesus will take care of your needs. It may not be easy or pleasant. You may be beheaded, but beheading is instantaneous—damnation is forever. The Holy Spirit will help you follow through with your commitment to saying "no" to taking the mark. Spending eternity in darkness and torment and without our wonderful Heavenly Father is forever. I would definitely choose Jesus. [Here's](#) how you can.

What must I do to be saved?

As mentioned above, we must be born again according to John 3:3.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
(John 3:16-17 NKJV)

Do you prefer to have people by needy of you or to *want* to be with you? The God of the universe, our Heavenly Father/YWHW loves us so much and He prefers to have people *want* to be with Him so he gave mankind the freedom to choose Him. He also loves every person so much that He made a way for every person to be saved regardless of the person's mental capacity. As mentioned in Romans 10:9-10 and 10:13, we simply need to believe Him and the work that He has done for us. There is nothing else we must do to receive His gift of eternal life. Nothing. When you put your trust in Jesus Christ, there is a transformation that happens inside you. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity comes to live in you and help you.

That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.
(2 Timothy 1:14 NKJV)

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
(1 John 4:13 NKJV)

For more scriptures on salvation, read the accompanying document called *The Roman Road*. You can also download that doc [here](#).

Were you left behind? Now what should you do?

If you were left behind, meaning that you were not included in the Rapture, it means that you weren't saved at that time even though you thought you were. If you want to be, refer to the section above regarding salvation called [What must I do to be saved?](#)

If you don't want to be saved, then . . . I wish you'd reconsider, but if not, there's nothing else to say.

See the accompanying doc called *From Here to Eternity: God's Timeline* for some notes regarding what will take place for those left behind. The most important aspect for the new believer during the Tribulation is to learn to hear the LORD's voice so you can hear Him guide you continually. There will be people that will try to mislead you and try to turn you in, etc. so do your best to find other born again Christians that you can trust and stick with them. Learn in the Word what the specific timeline is during the 7 years before the LORD's return.

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From Here to Eternity: God's Timeline

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Preface

This doctrinal statement used to be on a website called Chosen People Ministries.

We believe that Messiah will return to earth to reign from Israel over the millennial kingdom (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-27; 1 Thess 1:10; 2 Thess 2; Rev 20:1-6). When all His enemies are put under his feet, He will hand over the Kingdom to the Father (1 Cor 15:20-28).

We believe that the final state of those who have trusted in Messiah will be eternal bliss in the presence of God. We believe that the eternal state of those who have not trusted in Messiah will be one of conscious suffering in hell. (Matt 25:46; John 3:36; 2 Thess 1:8-9; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 14:11; 20:11-15; 21:1-22:6)

Where are we right now in God's timeline?

We are in the Church Age which is the period of undisclosed time while the gentile (non-Jewish) believers are growing in numbers. At the time that only the Father knows when we'll be taken away in the Rapture (the original Greek word in the Bible is *raptus* which means taken away) will occur.....

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 NKJV)

This will be the most catastrophic global event in man's history since The Flood. It will send the world into a terrifying panic as most people will not know what happened or what is to occur next. They won't know if there will be more people taken later, if they were alien abductions, or if the people that disappeared were actually from another planet, themselves. The governments of the world will be attempting to calm fears and settle riots, etc. and rushing to put their own spin on it.

The world will see itself (or present itself) as under a global threat and will most probably put itself under United Nations' NATO martial law (military force). The world leaders will believe that now is the time to complete its mission it's already been actively pursuing—that of creating a global government and currency. With all the millions of missing people there will then be billions of dollars of assets that the governments will want to seize and use to 'help ease the economic strains that the nations have been enduring'. The truth will be that those governments will use the assets for whatever they wish. The assets will include entire businesses, properties, planes, and automobiles, along with monies, possessions, and other valuables.

The World Bank probably already has the global currency figured out right now and how to implement it. Their ultimate goal, I'm sure, is to completely digitize the system, thus making it easier to disperse, control, and track. If you can track someone's spending, you can track the person and his activities. This is something they'll want to do because they will believe that to protect themselves and their system, they'll need to control the people. They will have the ability to freeze and seize your assets when controlled digitally. In the middle of the Tribulation, the mark of the Beast will be stamped on the heads or

right hands of those who reject Jesus Christ. These people will, then have the ability/right to buy and sell—to do business.

There will be spouses, dependant parents, and children (that are beyond the age of accountability) to disperse and deal with.

There will be mass destruction from planes crashing into buildings, freeways, and houses, etc. There will be major fires to snuff out in the midst of the panic. There will be train, car, and truck crashes. There will be mass suicide attempts, including with those people who know what has happened and know what is about to transpire over the next seven years and don't want to face it. The suicide attempts are prophesied in the Bible. The emergency services will be overloaded.

What will we be doing during the next seven years of The Great Tribulation?

I'm not totally sure, but it appears we'll be worshipping God. I believe the great multitude mentioned in Rev. 19:1-3, 6-7 in heaven is us. I believe it's the first time a great multitude is described as being in heaven in Revelation. Remember that we will only be in heaven those seven years. Eternity will be spent on the new Earth described in Rev. 21:1-2. *God* will come and live with *us* (Rev. 21:3).

What will be going on during the Great Tribulation?

With the catastrophic nature of the Rapture, I believe this will be the beginning of The Tribulation. Because God's timeline is exact to the very day that events will occur, everyone on Earth must be able to follow it exactly (by divine providence). What other divinely appointed event would set things in motion other than this? None.

At the beginning, the new Roman prince (Rome will become the new capital of the world as commonly called the new Roman Empire) will make a deal with Israel. It will probably involve them staying in a passive state with their neighbors in exchange for remaining a sovereign nation. At the exact middle (to the day) of the 7 years that agreement will be broken and the Antichrist will walk into the holy of holies in the newly rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and proclaim himself to be God to be worshipped. Many of the Jews will know better and flee the country. They will know where to go because of the instructions in Matt. 21:20-24. They will flee to Petra. The city in Jordan that is wrought out of the rock that is in the Indiana Jones movie, *The Last Crusade*. They will remain there until the end of the Tribulation. It has been told that the city has been stocked with Bibles, food, water, and other necessities by Christians in preparation of their coming.

Besides the above events, the Tribulation will be a horrific time of despair, destruction, famine, and fear. No one will be able to trust anyone. Eventually if you don't take the mark of the Beast you will be beheaded. Earthquakes, burning forests, and erupting volcanoes will plague the Earth along with supernatural events in the sky and the Earth. Terror will fill the world. The entire situation will be God's last attempt at swaying men to repent and put their trust in Jesus Christ.

The end of the seven years will be marked by Jesus returning in the air with us who were with Him:

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. (Zechariah 14:4 NKJV)

When He returns, He will destroy the gathered armies of the world in the valley of Armageddon (Rev. 19:17)

He will bound Satan and his minions for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

After this point, He will rule the world from Jerusalem. We will rule with Him as priests [, presidents, mayors, councilmen, police chiefs, etc.] throughout the world for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6). I believe that Rev. 19:15 refers to us as the rod of iron.

At the end of the thousand years, Satan and his helpers will be loosed for a short time to deceive whom he will and then be cast alive into the lake of fire that burns forever (Rev. 20:3, 7-10).

The White Throne Judgment will, then, occur which will judge all people that haven't been dealt with already (Rev. 20:11-15).

Then the heavens and Earth will be destroyed and He will create new heavens and a new Earth and *He will come live with us forever* in the new Jerusalem *on Earth* (Rev 21-22).

Knowing the end of the story and knowing where we will be during it all is comforting, but remember all those that don't yet know Christ and how bleak their potential future is. What are you doing about it? Do you care?

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God loves You

John 3:16 For God so loves the World

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJV)

Romans 5:18 God demonstrates His own love

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. (Romans 5:18 NKJV)

The fact of sin

Romans 3:10 none righteous

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Romans 3:23 all have sinned

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJV)

The penalty

Romans 6:23 wages of sin is death

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 NKJV)

Romans 14:12 shall give account to God

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12 NKJV)

Man's inability

Romans 3:20 no one . . . declared righteous

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20 NKJV)

God's remedy

Romans 5:8 Christ died for us

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NKJV)

Romans 6:23 gift of God is eternal life

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Man's responsibility

Romans 10:9-10 confess . . . shall be saved

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10 NKJV)

Romans 10:13 calls upon the name of the LORD

For "Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Romans 10:13 NKJV)

Results of salvation

Romans 8:16 the children of God

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Romans 8:16 NKJV)

Romans 8:17 heirs of God

and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:17 NKJV)

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