

## Signs of the Times 20-6

### Living in the KOG during Tribulations

#### Foundation Scripture:

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. *How to accomplish this: Matthew 22:37-40.*

#### A. COVID-19 and the Future.

##### 1. Pandemic Status.

Worst will be December thru Feb 2021; then gradually become endemic.  
US combat deaths: Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea, WW 1 - 139K total.  
US Combat deaths: Civil war – 214K and WW 2 - 291K.  
Military deaths WW2 - 407k and Civil War - 623K

##### 2. Vaccines.

Pfizer shipping in UK; in USA within 2 weeks; by June available to all who want it. Need 70-80% with antibodies for herd immunity; big challenge.

##### 3. Future Challenges.

UN is forecasting that, without change, 2021 will be the worst humanitarian catastrophe in their history.

The Yearly Flu season is here; may be worst in the future since leaving WHO deprives the USA of the research on Flu trends in 100+ countries.

Mutations of Covid-19; three variants already; what effects on vaccines?

Other viruses may crossover from animals to people. BOR Seal 3: famine.

#### B. The Worst of Days.

##### 1. The Economy.

15 million known infected with 286K dead. 26M can't afford food. 20M are unemployed. 30 - 40M face an eviction crisis. 1 in 5 (10M) mortgages are behind in payments with 2.3M past due by 90 days. 58% of retail businesses have closed permanently.

Stock market is setting record highs. Big crash is yet to come.

##### 2. A Country Divided (Pew Research).

Many ABCers think the USA has not been so divided since the Civil War. Americans are fiercely split not only about policy but about the basic decency of the other side

Only 1 in 5 thinks they share "core American values" with the other party. 9 in 10 think that a victory by the other side will bring lasting harm to the country.

Scientific American writes, "Rather liberals and conservatives increasingly seemed to view each other as inherently immoral, unintelligent and malicious. Fewer and fewer Americans seemed interested in constructively engaging with the other side."

Many think that it is immoral just to talk to people in the other party.

### 3. Couples Therapy.

You must believe that it is worth fighting for our democracy/government.

You must agree that your side is not perfect & contributes to the problem.

You must be willing to change.

You must understand that you cannot change the other side. You must change yourself.

## C. The Best of Days.

### 1. The Time of the End.

Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Dan 12:3 They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to **the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

### 2. The Kingdom of God.

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God.**

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

### 3. Your Redemption draws near.

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: .....

Luk 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draws near.**

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Eph 5:27 .... present to himself a **glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Summary: Ps 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

1Th 4:17 We who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

## Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8  
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<sup>5</sup> I am not conceited (not arrogant nor inflated with pride); I am not rude (unmannerly) *and* I do not act unbecomingly. I do not insist on my own rights *or* my own way, *for* I am not self-seeking; I am not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; I take no account of the evil done to me [I pay no attention to a suffered wrong].

<sup>6</sup> I do not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but I rejoice when right *and* truth prevail.

<sup>7</sup> I bear up under anything *and* everything that comes, I am ever ready to believe the best of every person, my hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and I endure everything [without weakening].

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<sup>8</sup> Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (<sup>[a]</sup>the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled *and* pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed *and* cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].