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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

Speculation

Sept 2 Daymond Duck

I constantly receive e-mails from readers who want me to give them my opinion on how close we are to the Rapture.

Some keep rephrasing the question and asking again and again.

Some say, “I know you don’t know the day or the hour, but will it be in the next few weeks, before the end of this year, what do you think, etc.?”

Many readers have been expecting the Rapture to happen for several years, but it has not happened, and they want to know, “How much longer will we have to wait?”

One reader recently wrote this:

- I thought for sure the Rapture was going to happen during the Obama administration, then I thought for sure it was happening during Covid. I see things like AI, cashless society coming, LGBTQ and Trans. I see people who just don’t care anything about God or morals. I mean, we have to be on the cusp of this happening sometime soon, right? I’m not asking for a date; my question is, always, is there any chance we’re just wrong? Or seeing what we want to see?

This reader has gone from expecting the Rapture to happen anytime to wondering if it might still be a long time or if we could be misunderstanding the Bible.

I totally understand.

I have been expecting the Rapture to happen anytime for a long time myself.

Having said this, I want to speculate for just a minute, and hopefully, it will be helpful to some who are wondering about how long it will be.

I believe:

- The Rapture will happen before the Tribulation Period begins (often called the Pre-Trib Rapture).
- The Mark of the Beast (a global ID, cashless society, forcing everyone to take the name, number, or Mark of the Antichrist) will begin at the middle of the Tribulation Period.
- The Tribulation Period will last for seven years (2,520 days) on the Jewish calendar.

If I am correct about these three beliefs, it means the Rapture will take place a minimum of three and one-half years before the Mark of the Beast (global ID, cashless society, forcing people to take the Mark, etc.) and perhaps more than that (because there could be a gap between the Rapture and the Tribulation Period).

The globalists' goal is to establish a world government by 2030 or sooner.

If their world government begins in 2030, the Rapture would be between now and 2030.

If they intend to have a global ID, a cashless society, force everyone to take the Mark, etc., by 2030, the Rapture would be in 2026 or sooner (and if there is a gap between the Rapture and the Tribulation Period, the Rapture could be very soon).

If the Battle of Gog and Magog were to take place soon, it would accelerate the development of world government (and, therefore, accelerate the Rapture).

It may not happen, but a breakthrough in the peace negotiations between Israel and Saudi Arabia might speed up the seven-year covenant with many (and, therefore, accelerate the Rapture).

Anyway, as I said, I am speculating.

Obviously, I could be wrong, but I do not think so, and I hope that my speculation helps those who are getting concerned because the Rapture has not happened.

God is in control; the Rapture will happen when He wants it to happen, and it will come upon the earth like a snare (catch multitudes by surprise), so be ready and stay ready.

Here are some signs that seem to indicate that we are getting close:

One, concerning pestilence and persecution: on Aug. 23, 2023, it was reported that the former head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Anthony Fauci, expressed his support for another global lockdown and the punishment of those who refuse to be vaccinated.

(More: I have seen several reports that say White House staffers have leaked reports that Biden is planning to declare another pandemic and order a few people (airline employees, passengers, etc.) to start wearing face masks as soon as Sept. or Oct. Then, starting in Dec., he hopes to order a full-scale lockdown, try to force vaccinations on everyone again, and require everyone to wear face masks. Some reports say there is no pandemic, but the Biden administration is already signing contracts, buying equipment, and hiring people to push pandemic protocols on the American public for the next several years.)

(More: On Aug. 24, 2023, it was reported that a new type of Covid-19 booster shots could be available by mid-Sept.)

(More: On Aug. 25, 2023, Pres. Biden told a group of reporters, “People should plan to receive another Covid-19 booster shot in response to a new rising variant.” It was also reported that Biden said, “I signed off this morning on a proposal to present to the Congress requests for additional funding for a new vaccine.”)

(More: On Aug. 26, 2023, it was reported that Riverton, Utah Mayor Trent Staggs said he will not enforce a repeat of the Covid protocols. He believes citizens should be allowed to make their own decisions about getting jabbed, locking down, wearing a mask, etc.)

(More: I have also seen one report by a Fact Check group that said most of the things reported above are false. It is an established fact that Biden lies, Biden gets confused, deceit is rampant, and it is hard to know what to believe. I find it more difficult by the day to believe everything he says and even what some Fact Check groups say. Biden said he “tentatively” plans to recommend another round of jabs, and that may be where the problem is. “Tentatively” could mean likely but not definitely. Nevertheless, there is a problem: Why has he already signed contracts if he is unsure about what he intends to do?)

Two, concerning deceit and pandemics: on Aug. 17, 2023, the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C. said (as I understand it):

- The U.S. is conducting illegal research on biological agents that can be used to manage artificial pandemics.
- The U.S. has established labs all over the world to carry out this illegal research under the guise of “epidemiological monitoring.”
- The U.S. is seeking ways to create crises that can be used to advance their interests.

According to the article, in March of this year, Russia said the U.S. had built labs and was doing biological research in Ukraine, but the U.S. quickly dismissed it as Russian propaganda.

Since that time, the U.S. has admitted that it was supporting more than 40 labs in Ukraine that were working on worthy causes.

It makes me wonder, if the U.S. government was deceiving us in March, could they be deceiving us now?

Is Russia telling the truth when it accuses the U.S. of working on biological agents that can be used to manage “artificial pandemics?”

Three, concerning the return of Jews to the Promised Land at the end of the age: on Aug. 17, 2023, it was reported that about 75,000 Jews immigrated to Israel in 2022, another 34,530 immigrated during the first six months of 2023, and there are about 60,000 in Russia that want to immigrate, but Russia will only allow 2,500 to leave each month.

Four, Jesus revealed that there will be Jews in Judaea at the middle of the Tribulation Period (Matt. 24:16).

On Aug. 23, 2023, after a year of working on it, a group of architects, engineers, and others presented a plan to Israeli Prime Min. Netanyahu for the construction of cities, industrial parks, a hospital, a railroad, and an airport to boost the Jewish population of Judaea and Samaria to one million people.

Five, the Bible teaches that Jerusalem will be expanded and be a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone for the entire world at the end of the age (Zech. 1:16-17; 12:1-3).

On Aug. 20, 2023, Israel approved a plan to spend the equivalent of \$840 million on improvements and expansion in East Jerusalem over the next five years.

The Palestinians claim East Jerusalem; they want it to be the capital of their desired Palestinian state; the Temple Mount is there, and more, but Israel is now going to grow the area, make it more secure, and strengthen her sovereignty over it.

Six, concerning the Antichrist's confirmation of a worthless seven-year covenant with many for peace in the Middle East: last week, I reported that UN Sec. Gen. Guterres has scheduled a meeting for Sept. 18-19 to push world leaders to commit to "seven years of accelerated, sustained, and transformative action, both nationally and internationally, to deliver on the promise of the SDGs" (Sustainable Development Goals that are in essence the creation of a world government).

I also noted that the Biden administration wants to conclude a deal by March 2024 (or at least in the next 9-12 months) to normalize relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel (something that they think will lead to peace and safety in the Middle East).

Now for the latest.

Following three recent visits by U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan to Saudi Arabia, on Aug. 23, 2023, an unidentified senior Israeli official said on the condition of anonymity:

- Progress has been made in discussions between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, and an agreement could be reached as "early as next year."
- "We're talking about a peace agreement between Saudi Arabia and Israel next year, likely early next year."
- "We're navigating this diplomatically, and there's still ground to cover. We're in talks with both the Saudis and Israelis."

Concerning the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, the talks have been mostly about the safety of Saudi Arabia (the U.S. protecting Saudi Arabia from Iran, the U.S. sending weapons to Saudi Arabia, helping the Saudis build a nuclear reactor, etc.).

Concerning the Palestinians and the demands that are being placed on Israel: Ron Dermer, Israel's Strategic Affairs Minister, said the talks have been mostly about the U.S. and Saudi Arabia giving economic aid to the Palestinians, not about Jewish settlement construction or halts in Jewish settlement construction.

Understand that a UN agreement to establish a world government in seven years, a likely agreement to establish peace between Saudi Arabia and Israel, and protection (safety) for the Saudis against Iran in early 2024 are extremely big events in Bible prophecy.

(More: On Aug. 27, 2023, it was reported that the U.S. has advised Israel that it will have to make major concessions to the Palestinians for a deal to succeed.)

Seven, concerning the decline of America and an economic collapse: on Aug. 25, 2023, it was reported that the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) will be joined by Saudi Arabia, Iran, Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Officials expected the BRICS nations to control 60% of the world's oil.

The addition of these other six nations on Jan. 1, 2024, will give the group control of 80% of the world's oil.

Biden's decision to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, suspend new oil and gas drilling permits, sell about 75% of America's strategic oil reserves, etc., has now left the U.S. in a bad position.

It may take a while, but some officials say the price of oil will drastically increase, and that will drive up the price of everything average U.S. citizens buy.

(FYI: Russia and Iran are riding high right now, but they will be brought down, and BRICS will be weakened when the Battle of Gog and Magog takes place.)

Eight, it has recently been reported that the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are calling for a global digital ID and a global digital currency system that uses trackable Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

We have even been told that these could soon become a reality.

Leo Hohmann, a very highly respected researcher and writer, put it like this:

Digital ID + CBDC = Total control/tracking of all human activity.

Hohmann added, "Once these two totalitarian tools are in place, there will be no turning back."

As I understand it, he was saying (and I agree with him) the system that will lead to the Mark of the Beast will be in place, and it will be unstoppable.

Nine, concerning the decline of America: on Aug. 22, 2023, it was reported that the Biden administration has opened 114 gates in Trump's border wall and welded them open so they cannot be closed by border control agents.

(More: On Aug. 28, 2023, it was reported that the DHS has spent \$770 million to facilitate illegal immigration.)

FYI: God does not send anyone to Hell (all of us are born with a sin nature and destined to go to Hell because we sin), but God has provided a way (Jesus) for everyone to go to Heaven (and He is the only way to get there; John 14:6).

Finally, are you Rapture Ready?

If you want to be rapture ready and go to heaven, you must be born again (John 3:3). God loves you, and if you have not done so, sincerely admit that you are a sinner; believe that Jesus is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God who died for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead; ask Him to forgive your sins, cleanse you, come into your heart and be your Saviour; then tell someone that you have done this.

'Profoundly Disturbing': UK Judge Rules Conscious 19-Year-Old Can Be Taken Off Life Support Against Her Will

By [Christian Concern](#)

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(Photo: CommonSpace Images)

An NHS hospital is asking the Court of Protection to authorise removal of life-saving medical treatment from a 19-year-old girl, effectively condemning her to death.

Unlike in similar cases such as Charlie Gard, Alfie Evans and Archie Battersbee, the girl – anonymised by the court as 'ST' – is conscious, able to speak, and has instructed her own lawyers to argue that she should be kept alive and allowed to go to Canada for experimental

treatment which would give her a chance of survival.

ST is suffering from a rare genetic mitochondrial disease similar to that of Charlie Gard, the baby whose life support was withdrawn as a result of a bitterly fought high-profile legal case in 2017. ST's condition causes chronic muscle weakness, loss of hearing and damage to her kidneys. She is dependent on regular dialysis and other intensive care, but the condition does not affect the functioning of her brain.

The hospital argues that while ST's prognosis is uncertain and she may survive for some months, her condition is deteriorating and she is therefore "actively dying". The NHS trust has asked the court to approve a "palliative care plan" for ST which would mean she is no longer given dialysis and would die from kidney failure within a few days.

Two psychiatric experts instructed by the hospital have examined ST and have told the court that she is not suffering from any mental health illness and has the mental capacity to make decisions about her own medical treatment.

ST has told the psychiatrists she disagrees with the doctors and wants them to continue to sustain her life. She wants to be given a chance to participate in clinical trials of nucleoside therapy, which are due to resume in Canada later this year and would give her a chance of survival. She said she realised that the experimental treatment might still fail to save her, but in that case, she said that she "wanted to die trying to live".

However, the hospital doctors have argued that ST's refusal to trust the judgment of her doctors and to accept her immanent death is inevitable amounts to a "delusion".

In a judgment released yesterday, Mrs Justice Roberts ruled that the decisions about ST's life and death should be taken by the Court of Protection based on an assessment of her best interests, and that ST lacks capacity to have a say in the matter via her own lawyers. Rejecting the opinion of both psychiatric experts, the judge concluded that ST is mentally incapable of making decisions for herself because she does not believe what hospital doctors say about her condition. She concluded: "*In my judgment... ST is unable to make a decision for herself in relation to her future medical treatment, including the proposed move to palliative care, because she does not believe the information she has been given by her doctors.*" [para 93]

A Tightly Knit Christian Family

ST has grown up in a tightly knit Christian family who have spent months resisting the legal proceedings brought by the NHS to end her life. Despite her illness, she attended a regular school, achieved good GCSE results and was studying for her A-levels when her health deteriorated after catching Covid in August 2022. She has been in an intensive care unit ever since.

In November 2022, ST issued lasting powers of attorney to authorise her parents to make decisions on her behalf in the future if she was to lose mental capacity to do so in the future. In February 2023, the hospital asked the Court of Protection to set aside the document on the grounds that she did not have mental capacity to sign it. The hospital then made a further application to approve a palliative care plan, said to be in ST's best interests but which would lead to her death within a few days.

Like the family of Charlie Gard, ST's only hope of cure is the experimental treatment known as nucleotide therapy, which is only available abroad. Her family wants to appeal to the public to raise funds to enable her to participate in a clinical trial which is expected to start in Canada later this year.

However in March 2023, the court made a "Transparency Order" which imposes draconian restrictions on reporting any information which might lead to identification of ST, members of her family, or the hospital. This prevents ST and her parents from giving any media interviews or making any appeal for funds. The transparency order was made at the request of the NHS trust without any reasons.

ST's parents made an urgent application to reconsider the transparency order to enable them to raise funds for ST's treatment in Canada. The court has held three hearings since that time, but has not found the time to consider that application to date.

'A Year Of Torture For Us' Say Parents

In a statement communicated via their solicitors, the family (whose identity cannot be revealed) has said: *"This has been a year of continuous torture for the family. Not only are we anxious about our beloved daughter's fight for survival, but we have also been cruelly gagged from being able to speak about her situation. We are not allowed to ask people for prayers or for help which she desperately needs. It is a matter of life and death for our daughter to raise money for treatment in Canada, so these arbitrary reporting restrictions are literally killing her.*

"We are shocked to be told by the judge that our daughter does not have capacity to make decisions for herself after all the experts have said that she does. We are very distressed by this injustice, and we hope that, by Jesus's grace, this will be corrected on appeal."

Andrea Williams, the Chief Executive of Christian Legal Centre which has been involved in a series of earlier end-of-life cases, said in response to the judgment of Mrs Justice Roberts:

"This profoundly disturbing case demonstrates the urgent need for an overhaul into how end-of-life decisions are made in the NHS and the Courts. This demonstrates the need for a more open and transparent system. Justice is done in the light and not behind closed doors.

"What can be more natural or rational for a seriously ill 19-year-old than to leave no stone unturned and to take every chance of survival?"

Governments Are Increasingly Serving Interests Of Globalization Rather Than The People

Dean Dwyer September 9, 2023

In every nation of the world there is a governing institution. Of course, the ruling ideology of those governments differs depending on not only political, but also religious, views. In Western nations, we have largely lived under governments whose mandate has been to serve the people. However, it is becoming increasingly obvious that many governments are no longer serving the people, they are serving interests tied to globalisation.

Unfortunately, those who are leading these globalist entities do not value the virtues of representative democracy but instead prefer to operate under technocracy.

For those unfamiliar with the term, “technocracy” is a form of governance in which decision-making power is vested in experts or technical professionals rather than elected representatives or politicians. Therefore, the underlying concern of most ordinary people is that technocrats are not voted into their position and, more importantly, they are unable to be voted out.

Although the term “technocracy” is rarely used by those within its sphere of influence, the effects of technocracy are clearly seen throughout the world, particularly in relation to the agenda at the forefront of the World Economic Forum’s vision of the world.

Whatever system of governance you live under, it is becoming increasingly clear that government prioritises its own interests (and that of its technocratic masters) rather than the interests of the people.

In particular, we see the curbing of civil liberties (including free speech) which are being used as the tip of the spear to subjugate and suffocate people worldwide with the clear intention of ensuring the behaviour, attitude and thinking of citizens remains in lockstep with government. As somebody recently said concerning COVID-19, who would have thought that eliminating free speech would be the key to beating a virus.

In China, the Standing Committee of the nation’s legislature recently released a range of draft laws which would forbid a range of behaviour including dress or speech “detrimental to the spirit of the Chinese people and hurt the feelings of the Chinese people.”

Of all of the power harnessed by the Chinese Communist Party, how odd that it would feel harmed by the humble shirt. Of course, lawmakers were not able to provide examples of how one would end up on the receiving end of a 15-day detention period or 5,000 yuan (US\$680) fine. Naturally, due to the subjective nature of “feelings,” the government would retain the right of arbitrarily applying the law.

But while China is an obvious flashpoint for the fight for civil liberties, it appears that Brazil is also being touted as a testing ground for silencing free speech. Since 1988, after Brazil ratified its democratic constitution after decades of dictatorship, there were hopes that Brazil would flourish into

a longstanding and relatively stable democracy. However, there are growing concerns that the government is slipping back into authoritarianism and censorship.

The main instigator of the censorship is Alexandre de Moraes, the president of Brazil's Supreme Electoral Court (also known as the Superior Electoral Court). Ostensibly, the Court is tasked with strengthening and protecting Brazilian democracy. However, it appears that the main focus of de Moraes is to silence dissenting voices, which became evident as a result of de Moraes targeting certain high-profile individuals.

One of his targets was YouTuber Bruno "Monark" Aiub, hailed as the "Brazilian Joe Rogan." Social media platforms were ordered to block Aiub from sharing content or face a daily fine of \$49,000.00. His "crime"? Questioning the use of certain voting systems used in the elections.

Late last year, when de Moraes had the gall to visit the US and lecture people on the future of democracy, Brazilian journalist Allan dos Santos found out exactly how far-reaching de Moraes's powers are. After dos Santos protested outside the hotel where de Moraes was staying, his passport was revoked, leaving him stateless and stranded. De Moraes has also jailed five people without trial for posts on social media and ordered the removal of thousands of social media posts that he said attacked Brazil's institutions.

But the latest example of government overreach must surely go to the UK government who are set to introduce new laws which may criminalise non-compliance with net zero measures. Under the proposals, people who fall foul of the regulations to reduce their energy consumption could face up to a year in prison and fines of up to £15,000.00 (US\$19,000).

Rosa Koire, who was the executive director of The Post Sustainability Institute wrote in her book "Behind the Green Mask: UN Agenda 21" that the plan for world governance was "eating like a metastasized cancer into every nation, free and bound, in the world. Under the banner of saving the planet, we are drowning liberty."

She also wrote, "Under the mask of green our civil liberties are being restricted, constricted and suffocated in every village and hamlet." That book was written in 2011. Since then, things have become exponentially worse for those who stand opposed to this eco-agenda.

In fact, one UK politician believes that if the government's energy legislation passes, it will lead to the loss of private property ownership for some people who are unable to afford modifications to their home to comply with future net zero obligations.

In his view, the government would offer (ie. demand) that you sell your home to them so that either the necessary upgrades could be made at government expense or, quite simply, so that the government may demolish homes which are not energy efficient.

Although we should be rightly concerned as to the actions of governments the world over, these examples also highlight how much the believer yearns for that blessed time when the Lord Jesus Christ will rule and reign from Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom. During that period there will be no unjust laws, no corruption, no bribery, no falsehood and no denial of God in government. What a day that will be.