

CORONAVIRUS, CHINA, AND CRYPTOCURRENCIES

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Getting straight to the point, these three things directly relate to end-times prophecy and are interconnected in ways that, at first glance, seemingly make no sense. In a nutshell, coronavirus is an indicator of judgments to come; China is a prominent nation in end-times prophecy; and cryptocurrencies are digital money that may provide a means for the antichrist to control the world's economy. Let's unravel this.

Coronavirus is a harbinger of future judgments on humanity as, for example, will be the case with the "pestilence" that torments the Russians and their Islamic allies in Ezekiel 38:22 and the "pestilences" in various places of Matthew 24:7 and Luke 21:11. Pestilence is just another word for communicable diseases, and we are rife with them now: coronavirus and SARS, methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), tuberculosis, malaria (the biggest of them all), AIDS, STDs in general, H1N1, and now measles again, to name only a few. There is even recent news that the bubonic plague has cropped up in China, i.e., Mongolia to be specific. An interesting little factoid about these diseases is that China seems to have a propensity for being the initiation point for some of them. This brings me to the topic of China and connecting the prophetic implications of coronavirus to this nation that is prominent in end-times prophecy.

I have subscriptions to various financial planning news services. One of them within the last week published an article about the more sinister and real reason that China is "quarantining" paper currency from its marketplace under the guise of protecting the public from coronavirus: **the war on cash**. The financial insiders that I track have been saying for years that governments around the world are itching to get rid of paper cash and metal coinage because of the lack of control they have over paper and coinage. Governments despise the inability to easily track cash-based transactions, because they can't take or tax what they can't see, and they can't track illegal activities such as drug smuggling or human trafficking where paper cash is used (if they even care about those filthy activities, since some governments actually participate in them). As human history has nearly perfectly shown, all governments eventually seek to control their citizens and eventually will oppress them. For that reason, any individual who calls for more government involvement in our lives is at least one of three things: (1) ignorant, meaning they don't have the facts to come to a logical conclusion, (2) brutish/stupid (Proverbs 12:1 KJV/NKJV), meaning they have the facts but don't have the intellectual horsepower to come to a logical conclusion or don't care to do so, or (3) wicked, meaning they have the facts, know what the facts mean, but deliberately choose evil for their own perverse purposes. Alright, sorry, I got sidetracked a bit there on that last part, but I needed to blow off some steam that has arisen from watching certain political factions in this country systematically tear US apart.

Returning to the main topic, the war on cash is not confined to China. The US government has been slowly working its way toward the goal of **cashlessness**; I'm not sure that word is even an official English word, but it serves its purpose. The \$1,000 and \$500 bills are rarities usually found only in museums or in the hands of collectors, and I suspect (and am

supported by the above-referenced financial insiders) the \$100 bill will decrease in circulation as time goes by, but those are only anecdotal compared to the move toward electronic exchanges of money the IRS and other agencies prefer over cash and checks. Americans now give the IRS direct access to their bank accounts through e-filings and electronic tax reimbursements. I could belabor this more, but I see no need. I suspect the bulk of my audience is already attuned to this continual erosion of our individual autonomies, financial or otherwise. The worst of the erosion to individual autonomy will be when the antichrist compels his followers to take a mark of some sort that will allow them to participate in the global economy, without which they will not be able to participate. Again, another means of governmental control and oppression, and the governments of the world are aiding and abetting this profane man before he even comes on the scene. Woe to them.

By now you might be saying, "OK, I see the prophetic implications of coronavirus and China, but what do cryptocurrencies have to do with it?" For those of you not familiar with cryptocurrencies, they are encrypted digital currencies exchanged using blockchain technology, which is computer software that is used to track the flow of digital data. I am not a whizzbang guru on blockchain, but suffice it to say that it is a means of protecting digital data that is allegedly unhackable, and the transactions are open for everyone to see on digital "ledgers." The ledgers are public and allow the participants in the "chain" to see what others on the chain are doing. In this manner, it supposedly keeps people honest, and it does not need a bank or government to back it; it allows people to interact financially without a bank or government being involved. For that reason, the Chinese have been fighting it tooth and nail in a losing war because they have been unable to control all means of digital communication between their people and the outside world. The most famous and largest of the cryptocurrencies is Bitcoin, considered the gold standard among cryptocurrencies, but Ethereum and Litecoin are somewhat sizeable, as well. Numerous major American and European financial institutions are diving into cryptos and blockchain, so **they are here to stay**. I'll say that again: **they are here to stay**. Moreover, cryptos and blockchain will likely factor heavily into prophetic events in these last days.

There are two ways that cryptos might both hurt and help people in the last days. Since cryptos are digital, if governments can somehow figure out an ironclad way of controlling the use of cryptos and blockchain technology, they can then monitor and control their citizens' financial dealings. On the other hand, if the cryptos remain free of government intrusion, then it might be a way of avoiding the antichrist's gaze and provide a means of trade and commerce for those who refuse his mark. But either way, here is the ominous thing about cryptos: some of the crypto experts believe cryptos will make paper and metal currency obsolete as soon as 2030, thus fulfilling the evil intents of governments across the globe. The anonymity of paper- and coin-based transactions will be gone. What will someone refusing the mark of the beast do if they have no means of working "above the table" for digital money. What if they have no means to purchase goods and services even if they have digital money before the mark takes effect? Let that sink in. Someone could be wealthy one day and effectively be poor the next if they don't play the antichrist's game.

I mentioned in the first paragraph that China is prominent in end-times prophecy. I have taken the position that China and other Asian nations comprise the third beast of Daniel 7, the leopard with four heads and four wings. In the near future I will begin a series of discussions on why the classical view that the beasts of Daniel 7 are ancient nations needs to be immediately abandoned and replaced with an updated view in which the first lion-with-eagle's-wings beast is the Anglo-American alliance; the second bear-with-three-ribs beast is Russia with Turkey, Syria, and Iran; the third leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings beast is likely the Chinese, Koreans, Japanese, and possibly the Indians or others; and the fourth beast is the leopard-with-bear's-feet-and-lion's-mouth of Revelation 13:1-2, meaning the antichrist and his kingdom. Excepting the antichrist's kingdom which is yet to be revealed and which will be a consolidation of the other nations, these nations are simultaneously prominent on the world scene to an extent never seen before. To further my point about the Chinese and consolidation of power among Asians in general, look at the relatively recent actions of the Philippines' President Duterte. From Wikipedia:

On October 18–21, 2016, Duterte visited Beijing to meet with Chinese officials, including President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang. While announcing his "separation" from the United States in front of Chinese and Filipino businessmen at the Philippines–China Trade and Investment Forum in Beijing on October 20, Duterte also said that he would realign himself with the Chinese ideological flow and that he might also travel to Russia to meet with President Vladimir Putin to "tell him that there are three of us against the world – China, Philippines, and Russia".

Adding to that, be advised of the China–Japan–South Korea Free Trade Agreement that is currently being negotiated, with the 16th round of talks scheduled for the near future. Be advised of this headline from *US News and World Report* on December 24, 2019: "China, Japan, South Korea Meet on North Korea, Free Trade." My reason for hammering this point home in my various books and articles is that I am gravely concerned that many Christians are not understanding the gravity of the moment and that there is little time to prepare for the coming storms. Daniel 7 is upon US, and our wings are about to be plucked, meaning judgment, followed by the Russians and Asians flowing into the power void to create chaos, consternation, confusion, and carnage leading to the ascension of the antichrist. I urge my audience to hang in there with me over the coming weeks and months as I systematically dissect Daniel 7 to demonstrate that Daniel 7 is about modern nations, not ancient Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, or Rome. In the interim, I pray you will study this issue for yourself, come to the same conclusion, and begin preparing in whatever way the Holy Spirit leads you.