

# The Bible Banner



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## A Wonderful Savior is Jesus my LORD

A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly out of nowhere a bumblebee flew in the car window. Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he became petrified. His father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it. But as soon as he let it go, the young son became frantic once again as it buzzed by the little boy.

The father sensed his son's terror. Once again, he reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to his hand. There, stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "You see this?" he asked. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

While God's people may be called upon to pass through trying times, yet they should ever remember that, through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus, they are contending with a weakened, beaten foe. *"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin... But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
1 Corinthians 15:55-57

### Baconut Bits

3/4 cup Coconut, chipped                      3/4 TBSP Mock Aminos\*  
1/2 TBSP Maple Syrup                         1/4 tsp Smoked Paprika  
(or regular paprika and 1 tsp Wright's Liquid Smoke)

Mix together on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in a thin layer on the cookie sheet at 350°F (175°C) until slightly crispy as it will harden some after it cools. Approximately 6-15 minutes baking time, depending on the oven. Watch carefully and stir every 2 minutes. It will burn easily. Enjoy!

A new favorite!



### \*No-Brag Mock Aminos

(This is a concentrated seasoning, not a food by itself)

1/2 medium onion, chopped and caramelized in an oiled skillet  
1 tsp carob powder                             1/4 cup salt  
2 Tbsp sucanat                                    2 1/4 Tbsp lemon juice  
1 1/4 Tbsp Roma or Pero (cereal coffee replacement)                      2 Tbsp sunflower seeds, the inside, not the shell

3/4 cup water  
1/2 tsp celery seed  
1 Tbsp onion powder

Blend until smooth. Keep in container in freezer. Due to the salt content it will not freeze solid and may be scooped out as needed.

### PROFITABLE TRADITIONS

**Cultivate Love of God's Word**—Pick a special Bible text or promise to encourage each member of your family. Write it on a card and decorate it. You may have your children help you decorate other Cards, but their own should be a surprise. Put out the **Bible Verse Surprise Cards** on everyone's plate for Sabbath breakfast or another special occasion. Have each person share with the family what their card says.



### Quotable Quotes

"While error, even when held in sincerity, is dangerous to anyone, insincerity in the truth is fatal." {Counsels on Health, pg 35}

"Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right." — Charles Spurgeon.



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Editor's Note and Study to Show Thyself Approved

An elderly janitor sat reading his Bible while he waited on some seminarians to move on so he could clean. One day one of them asked him what he was reading. The man answered, "The book of Revelation." Surprised, the pastor-in-training asked if he understood it. "Oh, yes," the man assured him. "I understand it."  
 "What does it mean?"  
 Quietly the janitor answered, "It means that Jesus is gonna win."

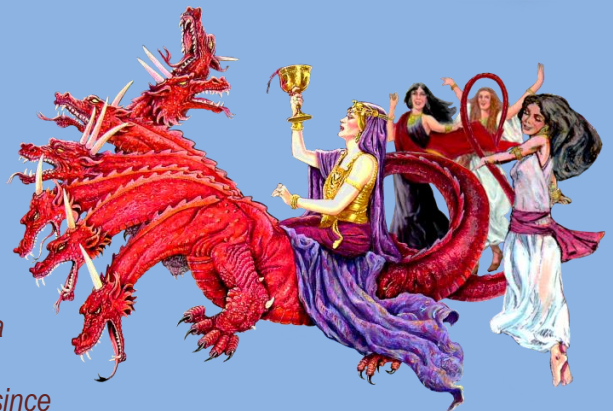
This is perhaps the simplest, most concise, and most important commentary given on the book of Revelation, but as things "heat up" in our world I'd like to share a few of the prophetic pieces we have put together from God's Word. For a foundational understanding of prophecy, one must recognize that beasts represent kingdoms (Daniel 7:23). Women represent churches—A virtuous woman represents a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. (Isaiah 54:5,6; 2 Corinthians 11:2; James 4:4)



*"In the book of Revelation...three worldwide partly religious and partly political movements were foretold to arise from both sides of the Atlantic and eventually gather all non-believing peoples of the Bible and its Gospel into an unholy alliance against the Father, His Son, and His Holy Spirit. These three worldwide movements are symbolized as the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. (See Revelation 16:13-16)"<sup>1</sup>*

*"The three powers here mentioned form what Jesus calls in the book of Revelation, 'MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH' (See Revelation 16:19 and 17:5)"<sup>1</sup>*

You can actually "see" the three powers in Revelation 17 with the harlot daughters (paralleling the false prophet), the mother of harlots (paralleling the beast) and the scarlet colored beast that she is riding on (the dragon). Note that the beast from the bottomless pit is red. This is not without meaning. (See Isaiah 1:18) *"In politics, a red flag is predominantly a symbol of socialism, communism, Marxism, trade unions, left-wing politics, and historically of anarchism; it has been associated with left-wing politics since the French Revolution (1789–1799)."*<sup>2</sup> Interestingly, we see this atheistic beast rising in Rev. 11:7 during the description of the French Revolution that made war on God's word.



*"These same partly religious and partly political powers are also symbolized as three beasts—the Beast from the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 11:7;17:3,7-14), the Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13:1-10, 18) and the two horned Beast from the Earth (Revelation 13:11-17)"<sup>1</sup>* We see that *"the dragon gave" the beast "his power, and his seat and great authority."* (Rev. 13:2) just as the woman is "seated" on the scarlet beast. It is thus that it may be said, *"paganism had given place to the papacy."*<sup>3</sup> I suggest studying out the descriptions of each of these beasts and paralleling all their characteristics.



Contrary to several articles I have seen or heard of recently, in Revelation 17, the Bible does confirm that there will be a very brief New World Order right before our rescue from this planet. *"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."* Revelation 17:12-14





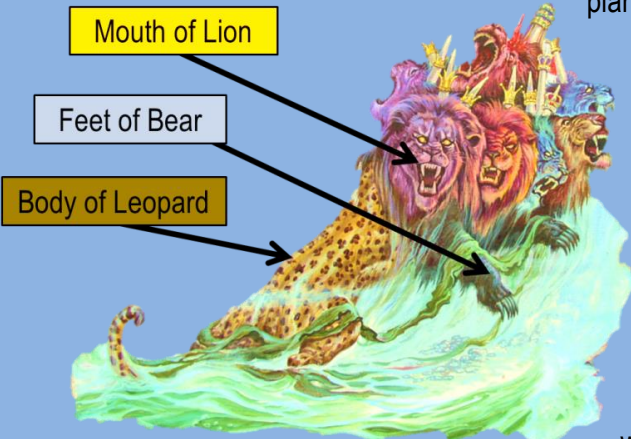
“Jesus warned through his prophet that the people who make up this three-fold union of modern Babylon will pressure the merchants (businessmen) to stop those who oppose them from being able to buy and sell, unless they accept the Mark, or the Name of the Beast, or the Number of his Name (666). (See Revelation 13:16,17)”<sup>1</sup>

Thankfully, God has not left us without a three-fold warning message so that we may avoid these and be ready for our Savior’s soon coming. It is found in the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14.

**#1 Give glory to God and worship the Creator.** Among other things,

this is a call to care for our bodies by following God’s natural law and thus restoring the image of God in man. (Genesis 1:27; James 3:9) “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31

**#2 Babylon is Fallen** – “Come out of her, my people” (Revelation 18:2-4) We are to come out of the Babylonian mindset that man can make a name for himself, and that man can do everything, “nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” (Genesis 11:4-9) We must come out of rebellion against God’s way of healing, God’s way of spreading the gospel, God’s plan for our planet.



**#3 Don’t worship the beast or his image. The saints will keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.** Study from Daniel 7 each of the characteristics of the beast and what they represent. Please recognize that the body of the beast and his image are made up of “spots of Greece”-- the leopard in Daniel 7. This is a representation of Christless wisdom—false education in its many forms. “For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;” 1 Corinthians 1:22,23 These spots are Greek philosophy.(Acts 17:16-18) Where do we find Greek philosophy prominently today? Two of the places are

“higher criticism” where the Divine element is separated from the Bible, and in allopathic/Hippocratic medicine, when God is separated from healing.

As followers of Christ, according to Revelation 14:12, our duty is to keep God’s commandments and have the faith of Jesus. We will recognize God’s seal in the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment and therefore delight in keeping the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath holy.

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” 1 Peter 1:13

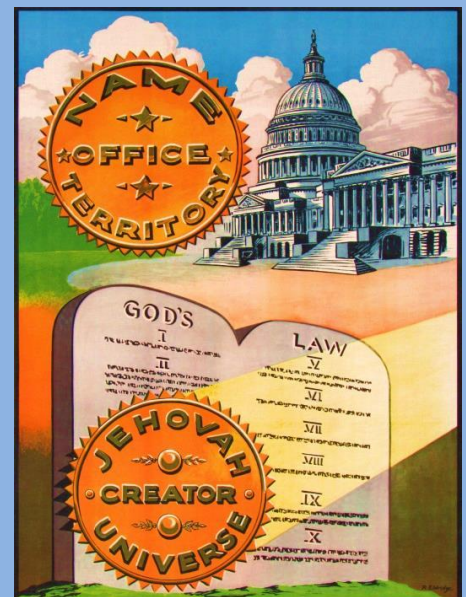
For “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.” Revelation 1:3

But fear not what we must pass through, for we have a Savior, and we know “Jesus is gonna win.”

1—Ancient Prophecies about the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet, William Josiah Sutton, pg. 19

2—Wikipedia “Red Flag (Politics)” quoting Brink, Jan ten Robespierre and the Red Terror, (1899).

3— (Great Controversy, pg. 54)





## Prophetic News Notes—Mandatory Vaccines?

Around the world discussion is brewing of how to get people to voluntarily submit to Covid-19 vaccinations. An article in The National Geographic states, *“This is the future as some experts see it: a world in which you’ll need to show you’ve been inoculated against the novel coronavirus to attend a sports game, get a manicure, go to work, or hop on a train.*

*“We’re not going to get to the point where the vaccine police break down your door to vaccinate you,” says Arthur Caplan, a bioethicist at New York University’s School of Medicine. But he and several other health policy experts envision vaccine mandates could be instituted and enforced by local governments or employers—similar to the current vaccine requirements for school-age children, military personnel, and hospital workers.”<sup>1</sup>*

But this isn’t so far in the future. *“Ontario’s health minister says getting a coronavirus vaccine won’t be mandatory, but those who don’t receive a shot could face restrictions... Elliott said. ‘There may be some restrictions in terms of travel or other restrictions that may arise as a result of not having a vaccination, but that’s going to be up to the person themselves to make that decision on the basis of what’s most important to them. But we do wish everyone to receive the vaccination.”*

*“Last week, Ontario chief medical officer Dr. David Williams also commented... ‘So what may be mandatory is proof of immunization or vaccination with a proper product in order to have latitude and freedom to move around in certain — like to access into long-term care facilities, or the hospital and different things without wearing ... personal protective equipment,’ he said. ‘Same with school attendance.’”<sup>2</sup>*



Israeli National News report clarifies how this might work, *“The issue of how to ‘motivate’ vaccine compliance has generated increasing interest, with commentators such as Mike Cernovich writing: ‘Government won’t force you to take vaccine. Amazon will. Airlines will. Banks will. You won’t be able to buy, sell, or trade without the vaccine.’”*

*As if underscoring Cernovich's words, Dr. Zimlichman told the committee: "... ‘If we're discussing how to create motivation for Israeli citizens to vaccinate, I agree, you can't force the population; it won't work...”*

*“What is possible is to create motivation. Whoever is vaccinated will automatically receive “green status” Therefore, you may vaccinate, and receive Green Status to go freely in all the green zones: They'll open for you cultural events, they'll open for you the shopping malls, hotels, and restaurants.*

*“You may decide you're not vaccinating, and if you do want to enter these areas you'll need to submit to a PCR test, and therefore I believe people will understand by themselves that the vaccine will return them to regular life and they'll vaccinate themselves, without our obligating them.”<sup>3</sup>*

So let’s put this all together, you won’t be “forced” to be vaccinated, instead you will be “motivated” by the fact that you can’t travel by train or plane, go to the mall, the hospital, school, work, hotels, restaurants, the bank, etc., or even shop online at Amazon. When you aren’t allowed to buy or sell, etc., they figure you will “decide” that among other things, eating is important and so you will “voluntarily decide” to be vaccinated.

Revelation 13:17 tells of a power that will enforce his decree in this same manner, *“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”* I think it is at least worth considering that this

blasphemous vaccine and the mindset that goes along with it bear a striking resemblance to the *“name of the beast”* since Revelation 13:1 says, *“upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”* (See Matt. 26:64,65; Mark 2:5-7; Isaiah 43:11; Hosea 13:4) Medicine is both starting to assume the prerogatives of God and to be worshipped as God. The Bible says of Babylon, *“For thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries (Greek- Pharmakeia) were all nations deceived.”* (Revelation 18:23) It is time for Christians to wake up! Prophecy is fast being fulfilled around us.



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## Stuffed Shells and Vaccination



“Watch this!” the mathematician exclaimed, as he, at the same time, directed our attention to a serving spoon with a stuffed shell on it, its handle perched on the side of the casserole dish under his ready hand. Then, before any of us could utter a protest, he proceeded to carry out his carefully calculated trajectory experiment. As he hit the handle of the spoon, sure enough, the stuffed shell catapulted through the air and onto his plate--Splat!--delivering with it a large splatter of bright red spaghetti sauce direct to the mathematician’s white shirt. As he reached for a napkin to catch the next drip of sauce—the mathematician said solemnly, “I forgot to account for the splatter.”

This story reminds me a little of what we are doing with the new mRNA vaccines—have we forgotten to account for something? Have we become overconfident in our scientific knowledge? And is it safe to play God?

Scientists are now working with both DNA and RNA vaccines. Think of DNA as the instruction manual for each human body. Only in the case of DNA parts of it can be switched off or on to give you blue eyes or brown, etc. RNA is like a copy made of a page of that manual and taken out to “the work area” to produce proteins, etc. Double strand DNA actually fits well the description of God’s word in Isaiah 28:9, 10. *“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?... For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”*

Sadly, those with a corona—a “crown of pride” (vs. 3) don’t want to listen (vs. 12) to God--perhaps they think they have a better idea. Indeed, *“they err in vision, they stumble in judgment”* (vs.7). *“But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”* Isaiah 28:13 God’s word, His law, the DNA in our bodies is only a blessing if we are humble enough to follow His instructions, if we add to them we will be found a liar and will find that we have made a “covenant with death” and “we have made lies our refuge.” (Prov. 30:5,6 and Is. 28:15) It is not a godly power that Daniel warned would “think to change times and laws” (Daniel 7:25)

### So what is different about these mRNA vaccines?

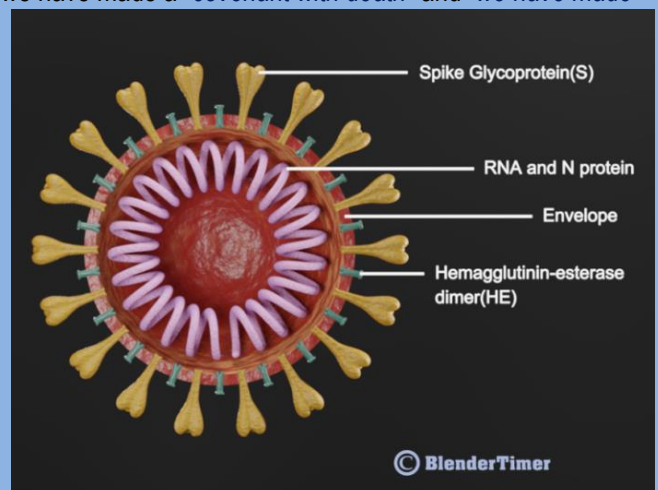
In short, instead of injecting the “virus” into your body, this vaccine will actually hijack your body programming by sneaking in a synthetic messenger RNA (tiny snippet of genetic code) with the instructions for the body to make “part of the virus”. In this case, they are programming your body to make *“the viral spike (S) glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2”*<sup>1</sup>

According to PBS, *“Amanda Cohn, an official with the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine planning unit, said the vaccine consists of messenger RNA and four lipid nanoparticles...”*<sup>2</sup>

Since the body would normally immediately repulse this invader mRNA “wolf,” they have cloaked it in “sheep’s clothing”—nano lipids. *“The lipids, which are fats, are very important because they form a little spherical shell around that mRNA,”* Dr. Schaffner of Vanderbilt University explained. Lipids *“help keep the mRNA intact and stable until it gets into your body and starts doing its work...”* After that, they dissolve and are removed by your body. Because of that, lipids are ‘unique’ to this type of vaccine, Jamie Alan, PhD, an assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Michigan State University, tells Health.<sup>3</sup>

Some worry that theoretically the “lipid nanoparticles” could be misused to deliver even more controversial substances into the body like the *“injectable and affordable biosensors”* that are *“smaller than a grain of rice”* made by Profusa, for example. In fact, *“today scientists are presenting results showing tiny biosensors that become one with the body ... and stream data to a mobile phone and to the cloud for personal and medical use.”*<sup>4</sup>

But back to the modified RNA, according to Harvard, *“Creating a RNA vaccine also requires some engineering of the RNA to achieve a strong expression of the antigen.”*<sup>5</sup>



The MIT Technology Review expounds, *“The mRNA in the vaccine, to be sure, isn’t quite the same as the stuff in your body...because a cell is full of defenses ready to chop up RNA, especially any that doesn’t belong there. To avoid that, what’s known as “modified nucleosides” have been substituted for some of the mRNA building blocks. The spike gene sequence can be tweaked in small ways for better performance [at least in theory], by means that include swapping letters.”*<sup>6</sup>

But is injecting modified RNA into our bodies really safe? What might happen if they forgot to account for the “splatter”? Or what if there are other pieces of the human coding that we are unable to see yet even with electron microscopes? *Sciencenorway.no* gives a hint, *“Klungland [Professor Arne Klungland at the University of Oslo] and his colleagues have recently published research showing that modifications to RNA must be correct for DNA to work. A special m6A modification is needed when RNA separates the strands in DNA and copies a recipe. But it is equally important that the tag be removed again afterwards. If not, the DNA can be damaged. Both mice and humans get sick if RNA tags aren’t added and removed at the right time, he said.*

*“This can lead to both cancer and neurodegenerative disease,” Klungland says.*

*“When he and his colleagues did an experiment where RNA modifications were not read properly, it turned out that fertilized eggs in live mice were unable to develop.”*<sup>7</sup>

Despite this, as of December 11, 2020, the COVID-19 Vaccine, at least *“the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine”* was approved for *“Emergency Use”* and is touted as *“safe and effective”*<sup>8</sup> by the CDC.

Of course, besides the normal tiredness, headaches, nausea, joint pain and feeling unwell, etc., the FDA flyer warns *“There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction...**Serious and***

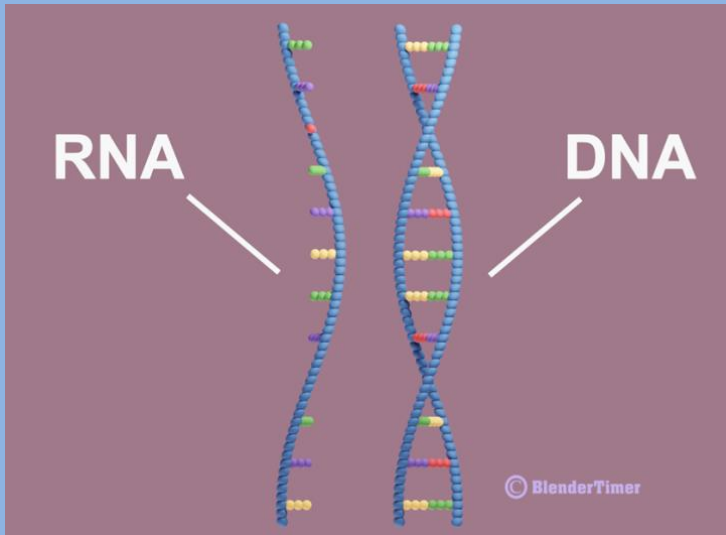
*unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.”*<sup>9</sup> Meaning, in laymen’s terms, **YOU are our lab Guinea pigs.**

The warning is a severe understatement. According to a document found on the CDC website, on December 18 alone, there were 3,150 people who, following the Covid-19 vaccine had *“health impact events”* defined as *“unable to perform normal daily activities, unable to work, required care from doctor or health care professional”*. On the same day, it reports that the *“CDC has identified 6 case reports of anaphylaxis”*<sup>10</sup>, in other words, six previously healthy people got a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction and could have died from their throats swelling shut, shock, or cardiac arrest as a side effect of taking the vaccination. Only one of those people had ever had a previous anaphylactic reaction (which interestingly, was also to a vaccine).

But back to the dangers of adding instructions to the human body via mRNA. What if there were something in the modified RNA that formed an enzyme like reverse transcriptase, as found in retroviruses causing T-cell leukemia and lymphoma and HIV? Then, although normal transcription involves the synthesis of RNA from DNA; reverse transcription goes the opposite way. Reverse transcriptase is an enzyme which works 'backwards' from RNA to DNA. *“Reverse transcriptase (RT), also known as RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, is a DNA polymerase enzyme that transcribes single-stranded RNA into DNA. ...RNA viruses, such as retroviruses, use the enzyme to reverse-transcribe their RNA genomes into DNA, which is then integrated into the host genome and replicated along with it.”*<sup>11</sup>

To add to the terrible and irreversible side effects that genetic modification could cause in the body, you now could conceivably now have your new “synthesized DNA” patented and owned. Medlineplus.gov informs us, *“On June 13, 2013, in the case of the Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics, Inc.,...The Supreme Court’s ruling did allow that DNA manipulated in a lab is eligible to be patented because DNA sequences altered by humans are not found in nature. The Court specifically mentioned the ability to patent a type of DNA known as complementary DNA (cDNA). This synthetic DNA is produced from the molecule that serves as the instructions for making proteins (called messenger RNA).”*<sup>12</sup>

Any honest experts have to acknowledge that there are lots of unknown and unique risks involved in mRNA vaccines, including local and systemic inflammatory responses that may spur autoimmune conditions, cancer or organ damage. Another worry is the potential for mRNA vaccines to be maliciously deployed to trick a person’s body into attacking critical functions like cell repair, fertility and neurological function. This could occur if the spike protein was similar enough to another protein in the human body to confuse the immune system into attacking that protein in other places.





In addition, “In a speech given to the Pennsylvania Medical Freedom Press Conference on October 20, Dr. James Lyons-Weiler, who holds a Ph.D. in biology, described how the current COVID-19 vaccine being produced by Moderna, amongst others, has not undergone industry-standard testing, ignoring basic protocols... Lyons-Weiler asserted during the conference that ‘historically vaccines for coronaviruses have had a terrible safety record.’

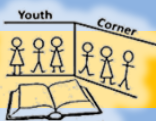
“He went on to describe that, in his own peer-reviewed research, ‘prior to the development of any COVID vaccines, I found that all but one of the proteins in the SARS-CoV-2 virus have what we call unsafe epitopes.’ Continuing, he explained that these epitopes are ‘parts of proteins that are capable of causing immune conditions, autoimmune conditions, and immune responses against proteins in our own body.’ Attention was drawn to what Lyons-Weiler called ‘pathogenic priming,’”<sup>13</sup>

For example, “In SARS, a type of ‘priming’ of the immune system was observed during animal studies of SARS spike protein-based vaccines leading to increased morbidity and mortality in vaccinated animals who were subsequently exposed to wild SARS virus”<sup>14</sup> In other words, in vaccine trials on animals, the vaccinated animals actually got sicker and died more often than those that were not vaccinated.

Therefore, as for me and my house, we choose to trust an infallible God, not a man-made vaccination. For our Creator instructs, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, [including that in your DNA/RNA] neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” Deuteronomy 4:2



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- 2-- <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/cdc-says-people-with-history-of-severe-allergic-reactions-can-get-covid-19-vaccine>
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## Look at These

The story is told of a boy who came home one hot afternoon, anxious to take a cool swim in the pond behind his home. He lived in south Florida, so taking a quick dip was a common way to cool off.

He was so anxious to get in the water, he didn't even go inside to change clothes. He just raced for the pond, dropping his shoes and socks along the way. His mother spotted him diving off the dock, and went outside to check on him.



As she watched her son swim toward the middle of the lake, she also spotted an alligator moving from the far shore, toward her son! She began screaming the warnings, and the boy stopped in mid-swim. He finally understood the danger, and began racing back toward the dock. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him.

It was a tug-of-war from a mother's worst nightmare. From the dock, she pulled his arms. From the water, the alligator held his legs. The water was quickly stained with blood.

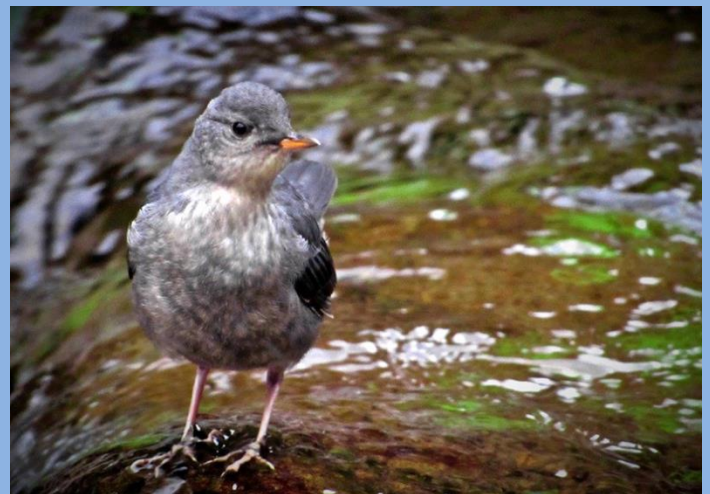
A farmer driving by heard the screams, and ran to help. He shot the alligator and helped the mother call for help. The boy survived, and after several weeks of hospitalization, was ready to talk with a news reporter.

The reporter asked the child if he could see where the alligator had bitten him. With the typical pride of a boy, he showed off his healing wounds to the interested reporter. "But wait," said the boy, "look at these!" With that, he showed the reporter the scars on his arms. "I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Mom wouldn't let go."

We have a Savior that doesn't let go either. Jesus said, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.* John 10:27,28


## Kids' Corner God's Amazing Creatures

The American Dipper is North America's only truly aquatic [water] songbird. It rapidly ducks its head in and out of water when looking for its stream-dwelling prey, and it catches all of its food underwater in swiftly flowing streams by swimming and walking on the stream bottom.



American Dippers feed on aquatic insects and their larvae [babies], including mayflies, and mosquitoes. They also eat dragonflies, worms, small fish, fish eggs, or flying insects. These cute birds have the ability to survive in cold waters during the winter due to a low metabolic rate [they burn energy slower], extra oxygen-carrying capacity in its blood, and a thick coat of feathers.

Aren't you glad God made American Dippers so unique?

"...Suffer the little  to come unto me,  forbid  : of such is the  of ."

**Mark 10:14**

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