

New Poll Says 103 Million Americans See COVID Pandemic as Sign of Biblical Prophecy and ‘Last Days’

The introduction of the novel coronavirus into the world in December 2019, and its lightning fast spread around the planet, has rattled people in every country, including Americans.

COVID has taken the lives of more than 6 million people worldwide.

It has changed the way we travel, the way we do business, the way we run schools and affected so many other areas of life.

Now, a new survey indicates that Americans think something far more significant is in motion than simply a nasty disease.

Fully 4 in 10 Americans believe that the COVID pandemic is a sign that biblical prophecy is coming to pass and that we are living in the “last days” before the return of Christ.

- 2 out of 3 evangelical Christians believe this.

- But so do 1 in 4 American Jews.

- And almost 1 in 3 self-identified “secular” Americans also believe it.

Pandemics in Prophecy?

In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ gave a list of signs that would precede his Second Coming.

In addition to horrific wars, Jesus prophesied that terrible “plagues” would spread across the earth.

– “As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one misleads you. ... You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ... All these are merely the beginning of the birth pangs’” (Matt. 24:3-8, NASB 1995).

– “Then He continued by saying to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near’” (Luke 21:10-11, 28).

Many in the secular media sneer at any suggestion that such game-changing current events might have a connection to biblical prophecy, especially end-times prophecies.

However, it turns out a large number of Americans believe there is a connection.

My colleague, Dr. Carl Moeller—the executive director of The Joshua Fund—and I decided to commission a national poll to better understand the views of all Americans, including evangelical Christians, on such matters.

The poll was conducted by McLaughlin & Associates. This nationally known and widely respected polling firm has performed scientific opinion surveys over the years for corporations, non-profit organizations, members of Congress, U.S. presidents and foreign leaders, including in the State of Israel. Taken between March 17 and March 22, 2022, the poll asked questions of 1,000 Americans ages 18 and over. It has a

3.1% margin of error, plus or minus, at a 95% confidence interval.

On Wednesday, All Israel News published the first in a series of articles about the survey: "EXCLUSIVE: New poll finds 68% of Americans believe Iran plotting 'Second Holocaust' against Israel if Tehran gets nuclear weapons – 77% of American Evangelicals agree."

Yesterday, All Israel News published the second in our series : "EXCLUSIVE: New poll finds stunning 40% of all Americans believe Russian invasion of Ukraine is a biblical sign of the 'last days' – that's more than 100 million Americans."

Today, let's look at how Americans see the significance of the COVID pandemic.

Is the COVID Pandemic a Biblical Sign of the 'Last Days'?

In our survey, we asked Americans ages 18 and older:

"Do you agree or disagree that the COVID pandemic that has caused more than 6 million deaths worldwide is one of the signs that Jesus spoke of in the Bible when He warned that there would be severe 'plagues' in the 'last days' before His return?"

Once again, we were surprised by the large number of Americans who said they agreed.

– Fully 4 in 10 Americans (40.1%) said they agree that the COVID pandemic is a sign of biblical prophecy coming to pass and of the "last days."

– Almost an equal number—41.1%—said they disagree.

– And 18.7% said they don't know.

According to the U.S. Census, in 2020, there were 258.3 million Americans ages 18 or over.

Forty percent of that number is million people. That's an enormous number—some 103 million Americans believe COVID is a sign of the last days.

Significant Increase From 2 Years Ago

What really struck Moeller and me was that the 40.1% figure is a marked increase from our last Joshua Fund poll.

Two years ago, in March 2020, we commissioned a national survey through McLaughlin & Associates for The Joshua Fund, just as the COVID pandemic was beginning to sweep the nation and the world.

We specifically asked if Americans believed that the coronavirus and the resulting economic meltdown were “signs that we are living in what the Bible calls the ‘last days.’”

At that time, we found that 29.4% said they agreed.

Thus, in two years we have seen a nearly 11-point increase over the last Joshua Fund poll results.

You can read more results from our March 2020 survey by clicking [here](#).

[NOTE: Also, in March 2020, as part of The Joshua Fund's educational mission, we released a 12-page fact sheet titled, “What Does The Bible Teach About Pestilence, Plagues and Global Pandemics?” I would commend both the survey and the fact sheet to your attention.]

Digging Deeper Into the Data

Now, let's dig deeper into the data of the new survey.

As with the Russia question, we find that it's not just evangelical Christians who believe the COVID pandemic is biblically prophetic.

By Religion

- 5.1% of atheists agree the COVID pandemic is a biblical sign of the “last days.”
- 9.7% of agnostics agree.
- 28.3% of self-identified “secular” Americans agree.
- 24.8% of Jews say they agree.
- 40.4% of Catholics say they agree.
- 52.7% of all Protestants agree.
- 65.6% of evangelical born-again Christians agree.

By Race

- 34.0% of Hispanic Americans agree.
- 61.0% of Blacks agree.
- 36.9% of whites agree.
- 57.2% of Asian Americans agree.

By Region

- 35.7% of Americans who live in the East agree.
- 40.4% of Americans who live in the Midwest agree.
- 45.9% of Americans who live in the South agree.
- 33.0% of Americans who live in the West agree.

By Age

- 37.1% of young people ages 18 to 29 agree.
- 51.0% of people ages 30 to 40 agree.
- 41.3% of people ages 41 to 55 agree.
- 37.6% of people ages 56 to 65 agree.

- 35.3% of people over 65 agree.

By Gender

- 35.1% of men agree.
- 44.8% of women agree.

By Political Affiliation

- 47.1% of Republicans agree.
- 38.3% of Democrats agree.
- 33.4% of Independents agree.
- 41.6% of Americans who voted for Trump in 2020 agree.
- 39.1% of Americans who voted for Biden in 2020 agree.

Please Pray

In the coming days, All Israel News will continue to publish stories about the poll results, and analyze what the results mean.

Moeller and I will also discuss all this more on our podcast, *Inside The Epicenter*, which I hope you will subscribe and listen to.

For now, I ask Christians to pray.

- Please pray that the Lord would bring the COVID pandemic to an end.
- Please also pray for the Lord to comfort all those who have lost family and friends to this dreaded disease.
- Please pray for those who currently have COVID to fully recover and regain their health and strength.
- Please pray, too, that people's fears over COVID—and growing

realization about the fragility of life—would cause them to begin a spiritual search to know God personally, that many more people would read the Bible, both Old Testament and New, would attend a theologically solid Bible-believing church congregation, and seek out books, TV and radio programs, podcasts and other sources of biblical answers to the questions and concerns they have.

Let this difficult season represent not just a speed bump in our brief lives, but a major course correction that will lead to a Great Awakening and spiritual revival in the lives of every family and every nation on earth.

Note: Both The Joshua Fund and All Israel News are nonprofit and thus nonpartisan organizations. The poll was not taken to lobby leaders in any country on political or public policy matters, but to better understand the views of the American people on matters of Bible prophecy and current events, and to mobilize Christians to “be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Rom. 12:12, NIV) {eoa}

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