Acts of Jesus, Lesson 3: Is This The End? Corvid 19 2020 notes

<u>I have heard asked and have been asked</u>, "Is this the end?", "Is this the end times?"

• The short answer is "Yes" and "No"

1. <u>"Yes" because we have been in the end times for a long time, since Jesus'</u> resurrection and ascension.

- <u>Isa. 61:1-2 There is not even any punctuation</u> between the details of Jesus' first and second comings.
- Therefore, the times we are in are not even mentioned for the most part in the Old Testament.
- "Is this the last days?" Yes, it definitely is, the last days!

2. <u>But I know that is sort of deflecting answer because you probably asking it with this whole Corvid 19 pandemic in view</u>

- "Is this the last of the last days?" The short answer to that is "No"
- <u>Dan. 2:40-41a</u> <u>Divided Roman kingdom</u> (for a full handling of this refer to my Daniel teachings called "Sweep of History" back in 2018) into east and west.
- Roman dissolved into its respective parts and will reconstitute as a kingdom ruled by10 kings=Ten toes of the statue: <u>Dan. 2:44</u>
- <u>Understand, plagues play a part in the end times,</u> but not a major part, they are not the indicators that the Bible says to watch out for.
- Daniel gives us even more details about the last of last days: Dan. 7:7; V.8.
- This "Little horn" is the Anti-Christ (for a full handling of this go back to 2018 series in Daniel and start with the "Son of Man" sermon in July of that year).
- When the Roman empire is reconstituted and is headed by 10 kings and then diminished to 7 kings by one who will become the Anti-Christ, that will be the last days of the last days.
- The teachings of the New Testament elaborate on this: II Thes. 2:1-3
- The Revelation gives us the exact same timeline: Rev. 6:1-3 this is the Anti-Christ, he's the first of the major judgments of God.
- One of the later seals does have plague and pestilence in it: **Rev. 6:7-8,** but this only comes after the Anti-Christ and the global war he will institute.
- <u>Jesus sums up our current situation for us</u> when He spoke of the end of the end times: <u>Mt. 24:4-8</u>
- Notice: plagues and disease don't even make the list of the "Beginnings of birth pains" but of these that do, He says, "See that you are not frightened"
- So, it's business as usual for believers: reach, preach, serve, sacrifice.
- **II Tim. 4:2** are you doing that?