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## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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# VACCINATIONS PROTECTING AMERICANS

The following is excerpted from Mark Thiessen, "Vaccinated Americans are more likely to die from a lightning strike than covid," *The Washington Post*, July 27, 2021: "The data [are] clear: According to the CDC, as of July 19, a grand total of 4,072 vaccinated Americans had been hospitalized with symptomatic breakthrough infections, out of more than 161 million who have been fully vaccinated. That is a breakthrough hospitalization rate of less than 0.003 percent. Better still, of those hospitalized, only 849 have died of covid-19. That means the death rate from those breakthrough infections is 0.0005 percent. To put that in perspective, your chance of dying from a lightning strike is .0007 percent, and your chance of dying from a seasonal flu is 0.1 percent. If you're vaccinated, you have a much greater chance of dying from a hornet, wasp or bee sting, a dog attack, a car crash, drowning, sunstroke, or choking on food than you do of dying from covid-19. The vast majority of those who do become

seriously ill from breakthrough infections are older or have underlying conditions.

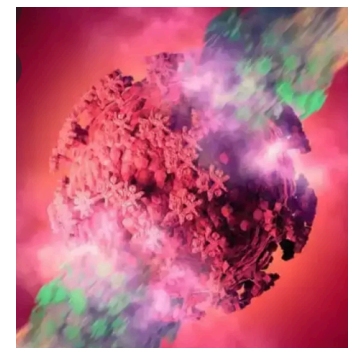
According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the median age of those hospitalized with breakthrough infections is 74. An Israeli study of patients hospitalized with breakthrough infections found that only 4 percent had no co-morbidities. The rest had preexisting illnesses such as cancer or congestive heart failure that predisposed them to severe covid-19. What this means is that for otherwise healthy vaccinated people--and those who have natural immunity from previous infection--the chance of dying of covid-19 is close to zero."



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## COVID DELTA NOT AMONG TOP CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE U.S.

The following is excerpted from "Kristi Noem Throttles CDC on Revised Masking Guidance," *Townhall*, July 27, 2021: "[A]s Townhall managing editor Spencer Brown reported Tuesday, the much-ballyhooed Delta variant, despite causing a rise in cases, isn't even among the top several causes of death in the United States. 'For the week ending July 23, the 7-day moving average of new deaths was 223. Mortality data from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics and the American Heart Association put the daily death averages--calculated by taking the latest available annual numbers and dividing by 365--



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in perspective that ought to calm our panic-inciting *experts*, lockdown- and mandate-prone officials, and their media allies. For example, each day 2,380 Americans die from cardiovascular disease--405 per day due to strokes alone. More than 1,680 Americans sadly lose their battle with cancer each day. 474 die from unintentional or accidental injuries. 332 die from Alzheimer's. 240 lives end due to complications from diabetes." CONCLUDING NOTE: There is no vaccination against death, but there is God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ for those who repent and believe. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

## ARE COVID VACCINES KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE?

The following is excerpted from "Fact Check-VAERS data," Reuters, Apr. 2, 2021: "Viewed more than 21,000 times on Facebook, a video showing data collected by the U.S. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) claims that thousands of people died from receiving COVID-19 vaccines. The video, which fails to mention that anyone can report events to VAERS and that the database contains unverified information, describes reported deaths of individuals who died after receiving the vaccine as deaths caused by the vaccine, when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has so far found no evidence that vaccinations led to patient deaths. ... The video's caption links to the VAERS online database ([wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html](https://wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html)), which is run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The general public may report events to VAERS, and a disclaimer on the CDC website says: 'The reports may contain information that is incomplete, inaccurate, coincidental, or unverifiable.' When downloading the data, users are presented with a further disclaimer that the data does not include information from investigations into reported cases.

The disclaimer also says '**the inclusion of events in VAERS data does not imply causality**.' ... **Of the 145 million COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the United States from Dec. 14, 2020 through March 29, 2021, 'VAERS received 2,509 reports of death (0.0017%) among people who received a COVID-19 vaccine.'** Having reviewed '**available clinical information including death certificates, autopsy, and medical records,**' the CDC found '**no evidence that vaccination contributed to patient deaths.**' Dr. Dana Mazo, an assistant professor of medicine who specializes in infectious diseases at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, stressed to Reuters via phone the importance of distinguishing between association and causation when looking at post-vaccine death records. 'The idea is that we are vaccinating millions of people,' Mazo said, 'and, unfortunately, when you look at 96 million people, some of them might die, and they would have died if they hadn't been vaccinated.' The fact that medically vulnerable individuals have had the earliest access to COVID-19 vaccines in the United States has also impacted the rate of post-vaccine deaths, Mazo said."

## DELTA VARIANT BULLET POINTS

The following is excerpted from Scott Johnson, “Delta Variant,” Powerlineblog.com, July 28, 2021: “My law school classmate Kevin Roche went on to become general counsel of UnitedHealth and then chief executive officer of its health information/data technology division Ingenix. As any regular reader of his *Healthy Skeptic* site can quickly surmise, he has mastered the research on Covid-19 and related issues. ... I called Kevin this morning to ask if he would restate his findings regarding the Delta variant and vaccine effectiveness in the form of bullet or numbered points. He has responded to my request in the post ‘What more can I say.’ [Following is an excerpt from his post:] ‘Notwithstanding my exasperation with the failure of common sense and skepticism to prevail, I will try one more time to simply list why we shouldn’t get all hysterical again ... Let’s start with Delta. Contrary to the misinformation being spread by many, including

the so-called experts, the research to date shows: It has a lower hospitalization and death rate. It is perhaps somewhat more transmissible. It does not result in substantially higher viral loads. Vaccines are only marginally less effective against Delta infections. It does not have a worse impact on children. Now let us move on to vaccine effectiveness, where we find that: People who are vaccinated can get infected, but do so at lower rates than the unvaxed. People who are vaccinated and get infected have lower viral loads than the unvaxed who become infected. People who are vaccinated and get infected are less likely to be infectious and transmit. People who are vaccinated have much lower rates of hospitalization and death than do those who are unvaccinated and get infected. The research is actually mixed as to whether vaccination or prior infection provides a stronger adaptive immune response.”

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## ALBERTA IN PROCESS OF DOWNGRADING COVID-19 TO A COMMON FLU

The following is excerpted from “Alberta Declares,” *PJMedia*, July 30, 2021: “Alberta is using common sense. The province is satisfied with the vaccine uptake among its citizens, and COVID-19 is losing special status. ‘On Wednesday, Premier Jason Kenney’s government took a bold step and announced that quarantines are no longer mandatory for anyone who tests positive for the virus beginning on July 29th. Nearly 75.6 percent of eligible Albertans have now received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 64.3 percent are fully immunized. Vaccines dramatically reduce the risk of severe outcomes and the risk of infection. While COVID-19 cases may rise in the coming months, a surge of hospitalizations and other severe

outcomes is much less likely thanks to vaccines. In the coming weeks, Alberta’s health system will take steps to make sure that it is ready to support all patients, including those with COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses, like influenza, which health officials expect to increase this year’ (citing ‘Adapting Covid-19 measures,’ alberta.ca, July 28, 2021). ... Asymptomatic testing is now discouraged. This is the recommendation for all other respiratory viruses and what many areas of Sweden recommended from the start. Contact tracing will be limited to high-risk settings, and health officials will concentrate on surges in infections with severe outcomes. Mandatory masking in schools and in public will end on August 16.”

# FIRST TEMPLE-ERA SEGMENT OF JERUSALEM'S CITY WALL UNCOVERED



*Remains of the city wall, City of David National Park.*

The following is excerpted from “First Temple,” *Israel National News*, July 14, 2021: “Archaeological excavations in the City of David National Park have uncovered the remains of the city wall, which was built during the Iron Age--the days of the First Temple in the Kingdom of Judah—to protect Jerusalem from the east. ... According to the directors of the excavation, Dr. Filip Vukosavović of the Ancient Jerusalem Research Center and Dr. Joe Uziel and Ortal Chalaf on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority: ‘The city wall protected Jerusalem from a number of attacks during the reign of the kings of Judah, until the arrival of the Babylonians who managed to break through it and

conquer the city. The remains of the ruins can be seen in the archaeological excavations. However, not everything was destroyed, and parts of the walls, which stood and protected the city for decades and more, remain standing to this day’ ... The new section that was exposed connects two sections that were previously excavated on the eastern slope. Over the years, claims have been made that despite the impressive nature of the remains, these remnant stone

structures should not be seen as wall remains. However, with the uncovering of this new section that connects with these past discoveries, it seems that the debate has been settled, and that this was unequivocally the eastern wall of ancient Jerusalem. ... In 2 Kings 25:10, there is a description of the conquest of the city by the Babylonians: ‘The whole Babylonian army under the commander of the imperial guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.’ However it looks like the Babylonians did not destroy the eastern wall ... Near the wall, a Babylonian stamp seal made of stone was unveiled, depicting a figure standing in front of symbols of the two Babylonian gods Marduk and Nabu.”

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