

COVID-19: Wrath & Mercy - Video Sharing

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Text

Hab 3:1 *A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.*

Hab 3:2 *O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; **in wrath remember mercy.***

I. **Biblical Plagues**

1. Elohim sent ten plagues upon the Egyptians before the Israelites left Egypt. These plagues include
 - a. the plague of blood,
 - b. the plague of frogs,
 - c. the plague of lice (gnats),
 - d. the plague of flies,
 - e. the plague of livestock,
 - f. the plague of boils,
 - g. the plague of hail,
 - h. the plague of locusts, the plague of darkness, and
 - i. the death of the firstborn (Exodus 7:14–12:36).
2. Judgment including plagues if the people of Israel turned against the Lord: (Lev 26:25).
3. Elohim sent a three-day plague to wipe out 70,000 men after King David sinned by numbering the people of Israel (2 Samuel 24:10–17).
4. Amos prophesied that Elohim would send several judgments against the nation of Israel, including plagues similar to what Egypt endured (Amos 4:10).
5. Several judgments against the nation of Judah, including a plague, when Elohim sent King Nebuchadnezzar to sack Jerusalem (Jer 21:7, 24:10, 29:17).
6. The plagues described in the Book of Revelation including
 - a. those sent by the two witnesses (Revelation 11:6) and
 - b. the seven final plagues sent by God (Revelation 15:1).

II. **COVID-19: Unique Because it is A Global Plague**

1. Every country impacted
2. Severe under-counting:
 - a. one American University estimated under-counting by 80-90 times,
 - b. lack of testing,
 - c. spread by asymptomatic people
 - d. re-infection

III. A Cure?

- a. Hope of vaccine: at least 1-2 years away
- b. Experimental medicines and treatments: early stage

IV. Life Amidst the Plague

- a. Lockdown: only essential services
- b. No gym, no swimming
- c. Supply chains broken
- d. Rising unemployment: already 13% in America and rising by the week
- e. Deep recession, possibly Depression. Negative growth of at least -3% this year for the global economy
- f. Famine as food supply is curtailed: not enough workers for harvesting, bringing food to retailers
- g. More and more debt defaults, leading to financial collapse?
- h. Governments will be forced to borrow/print more money to finance rescue programs
- i. Singapore will have to draw down more and more reserves
- j. Singapore is the most globalized nation in the world: loss of connectivity and disruption of supply chains will be devastating
- k. Healthcare workers are dying, causing fear
- l. Hospitals and morgues are overwhelmed
- m. Nursing homes are being devastated by infection & death
- n. Education is being disrupted

V. Re-opening the Economy

- a. Some countries in Europe are beginning to ease the lockdown restrictions
- b. President Trump is re-opening America, stage by stage

VI. Problems of Re-opening

- 1. Distancing requirements will mean
 - a. 3-4 times the transportation
 - b. Restaurants & malls can only operate at 1/3 capacity
 - c. Factories can only be run by 1/3 the staff
 - d. All public meetings, including worship will be limited by numbers
 - e. Air transport will become prohibitive if seats have to be reduced by 2/3rd
- 2. New infections will take place: e.g. Singapore, China

VII. Judgment on Christian Nations

Note:

1Pe 4:17 *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

America is the worst hit, followed by the European countries

VIII. For A Season?

Isa 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: **hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.**

Isa 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

- a. If this passage is the prophetic word for COVID-19, it will only be for a season
- b. Till His indignation cools down
- c. When?
- d. US daily abortions: >3,000
- e. Yesterday: US COVID-19 deaths nearly 4,500
- f. Enough to satisfy His wrath?

IX. Prayer for Mercy:

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

2Ch 7:14 **If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**