

“THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES”
GENESIS 12:10-20

INTRO: It is important for every Christian to live according to the **BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW**. In short, the **BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW INVOLVES LOOKING AT EVERYTHING THROUGH THE EYES OF THE WORD OF GOD AND ORDERING ONE’S LIFE ACCORDINGLY**. In every plan we consider, in every decision we make, in every attitude we have and in every thing we face we should ask, **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IT?** We are now several weeks into the COVID-19 VIRUS, something that has brought conditions into our world, our culture and our lives that we would have never considered. In reality, what we are facing is a **PLAGUE**. So the question is, **“DOES THE BIBLE GIVE ANY TEACHING ABOUT THE EXISTENCE AND NATURE OF PLAGUES?”** The answer is, **YES IT DOES!** So, today we will consider **THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON PLAGUES, so that we may learn how to face COVID-19 BIBLICALLY.**

BACKGROUND OF TEXT: Shortly after Abram and his family left Ur of the Chaldees and settled in Canaan, famine hit the land, which was not unusual in those days. So, to survive the famine, Abram moved his family to Egypt where food was plentiful. Knowing that Sarai was a beautiful woman and that the Egyptian men would desire her, so as to prevent them from taking her from him, he told her to say that **she was his sister**. This was not all wrong, but was a partial lie because Sarai was Abram’s half sister (20:12). Upon arriving, the Egyptian Pharaoh did take Sarai into his harem as a wife or concubine. God punished him by sending a plague.

I. THE BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF A PLAGUE

-According to the teaching of scripture, **a plague is an infliction sent by God to punish the sin of a person or a nation**. In most cases, in scripture, it was an **EPIDEMIC OR A PANDEMIC**.

A. The First Biblical Plague

-Found in Genesis 12:10-20 sent from God upon Pharaoh because of taking Sarai, Abrams wife into his harem.

B. The Second Biblical Plague

-Found in Exodus chapters 7 to 12 sent from God upon the Egyptians because of their treatment of the Israelites.

C. The Third Biblical Plague

-Found in Exodus 32:25 sent from God upon the Israelites for worshipping the golden calf.

D. The Fourth Biblical Plague

-Found in Numbers 11:33,34 sent from God upon the Israelites for complaining about the provisions God gave them.

E. The Fifth Biblical Plague

-Found in Numbers 14:37 sent from God upon the 10 spies who gave an evil report about the condition of the Promised Land. They all died.

F. The Sixth Biblical Plague

-Found in Numbers 16:46-50 sent from God upon Korah, Dathan and Abiram for murmuring against the leadership of Moses. 14,700 died.

G. The Seventh Biblical Plague

-Found in Numbers 25:1-9 sent by God upon the Israelites because of idolatry. 24,000 died.

H. The Eighth Biblical Plague

-Found in 1 Samuel 5 and 6 sent by God upon the Philistines for mistreating the Ark of the Covenant.

I. The Ninth Biblical Plague

-Found in 2 Samuel 24:13-25 sent by God upon the Israelites because of David numbering the people. 70,000 died.

II. THE BIBLICAL TERMINATION OF A PLAGUE

A. By Repentance – 2 Samuel 24:15,16

-King David’s repentance from numbering Israel

B. By Destruction – Numbers 25:1-9

-Total destruction of those who sinned

III. THE BIBLICAL APPLICATION OF THE 2020 PLAGUE

AS IN THE CONTEMPORARY CASE OF COVID-19

A LOGICAL DEDUCTION FROM THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

SINCE the only given reason for a plague in the Bible is for God to order judgment due to sin, **THEN** it is biblically logical to deduct that **COVID-19 IS GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON THE WORLD FOR THE SINS IN OUR TIME.**

WHAT SINS IS THE WORLD GUILTY OF IN 2020?

- A. The Sin of Secularism – The Removal of God from society.
- B. The Sin of Abortion – The Taking of Innocent Life.
- C. The Sin of Liberalism – The Denial of Biblical Truth both Politically and Religiously.
- D. The Sin of Family Foundation – The change from the Heterosexual foundation to the Homosexual foundation.
- E. The Sin of Globalism – The Removal of National and Cultural Boundaries to a One World Order.
- F. The Sin of Local Church Involvement – The Fleeing from God's Ordered Institution of the Local Manifestation of the Body of Christ.
- G. The Sin of Atheism – The Denial of the Existence of God.

IV. THE BIBLICAL REMEDY FOR THE 2020 PLAGUE

REPENTENCE LED BY TRUE BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS

DANIEL 9:3-19

APPLICATION/LESSON

No one really knows what God is going to do through COVID-19. But we DO KNOW that God judges through PLAGUES. The only considerable thing for believers to do is to unite in repentance for personal, national and global sins.