

The COVID-19 Plague

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The following is a Scriptural study of the coronavirus COVID-19 and how it is intersecting and connecting with the fulfillment of prophecies. There are so many prophecies in process of fulfillment on a daily basis now that I am only just barely keeping up with keeping a daily record of the prophecies as they are happening. I just did not have time to keep track of all of the sources of everything that is discussed below, but all of the sources are easy to find online and I included the sources as often as I could. This is a study about what Scripture says about viral plagues and how COVID-19 is playing a role in the fulfillment of at least 4 different prophecies in an unexpected way.

And everything written throughout this discussion is in the context of Isaiah 55:6-13, in which Yahuweh/Yehovah very personally says to each of us, to 'you', that his thoughts and ways are far higher than our ways and thoughts.

A Remembrance of Yahuweh/Yehovah in the Midst of Trial (Psalms 90; 139):

In the midst of events on earth that bring death, a comforting verse in Scripture to remember is Psalms 139:16, which speaks of how Yahuweh/Yehovah formed all of the days of our lives into our unformed bodies in the womb, writing down those days in his Book. Even when we are in the womb Yahuweh/Yehovah has created and formed and determined the exact number of days we will live. Each person dies on their appointed day to die from whatever cause of death that Yahuweh/Yehovah has determined for them, and no one dies sooner or later than the day that Yahuweh/Yehovah has chosen for their death. He does allow our own free will to enter into his determining the day of our death as he lengthened the days of King Hezekiah. In 2 Kings 20:6 Yahuweh/Yehovah told Hezekiah that he would heal him of his sickness and 'add to your days fifteen years.' But even with Hezekiah Yahuweh/Yehovah had already determined that lengthening of life for Hezekiah and had already added those days to his life when he formed him in the womb (from Yahuweh/Yehovah's perspective outside of time).

As with every disease, the only ones who will die from COVID-19 are those whom Yahuweh/Yehovah has already determined to die. They will only die from the virus because it is their appointed time to die from the moment that Yahuweh/Yehovah formed them in the womb. Psalms 90 and 91 are also very comforting Psalms in remembrance of Yahuweh/Yehovah in times of distress. The interesting thing about Psalms 90:12 is that after Yahuweh/Yehovah has formed the number of our days in the womb, we are supposed to learn from him how to number our days that he has formed in order to 'cause our heart to come to wisdom.'

[An Important Note: Our choices still determine the quality of our lives during our days, our choices to obey Yahuweh/Yehovah and live by his instructions in all of Scripture from beginning to end or to rebel against him and live our lives our own way. It is our choices that determine whether we are living under his blessing inside of his will or under his cursing outside of his will, as Moses lays out in Deuteronomy chapters 27-30. And in Isaiah 26 Yahuweh/Yehovah instructs his people in the last days to self-isolate in their rooms behind

closed doors when he is sending the plagues upon Babylon as a way to avoid the plagues like COVID-19 as much as possible (more about that further on). It is still important to obey what Yahuweh/Yehovah says and instructs to do in Scripture to have a better quality of life and avoid as much pain and suffering as possible, including suffering of disease.]

For those who are ready and longing to stand face to face before Yahuweh/Yehovah there is never anything to fear. According to Philippians 1:7-24 everyone who believes in Yeshua and has given their life to him should long to die and be with him in the same way as Sha'ul (Paul) longed for death as the better option to be with him. "To live is Messiah and to die is gain." But when we have not yet finished our callings on the earth, to live for Yeshua on the earth, we surrender the more wonderful option of death to continue to live in the suffering of the earth to finish our mission here. And until your mission is done on the earth Yahuweh/Yehovah will not let you die, and will not let anything or anyone kill you, until his appointed time and appointed day, the day he appointed for you in the womb to leave your old body behind on the earth and stand face to face before him.

Yahuweh/Yehovah Protecting His People in Their Homes During the Plagues of Egypt and His Promise to Protect His People in Their Rooms Behind Closed Doors During His Last Days Wrath in the Tribulation (Exodus 11-12; Isaiah 26):

Those who had the blood of the shadow picture Lamb of Yeshua on the doorposts of their homes were spared when the firstborn were killed in Egypt. Throughout the 10 plagues Yahuweh/Yehovah protected his people Israel inside of their homes from the majority of the plagues. Israel only had to experience a couple of the plagues themselves. Even the plague of darkness across Egypt did not touch the homes of the children of Israel, because they had a supernatural light that lit up their homes during the day while the Egyptian homes were filled with darkness.

All of the plagues of disease and weather in Egypt were personally caused by Yahuweh/Yehovah himself, as he waged bio warfare against the nation of Egypt, a warfare of the natural elements of the earth that no army or power or force of man in the world can stand against. I am not certain where the stories of the ‘angel of death’ come from in the killing of the firstborn, because I have not been able to find any mention of any ‘angel of death’ anywhere in Exodus. Exodus 12:29 clearly says that Yahuweh/Yehovah himself was the one who struck the firstborn of Egypt and that Yahuweh/Yehovah himself was the one who personally killed each one of them, saying:

וַיְהִי בַחֲצֵי הַלַּיְלָה וַיַּהַרְגֵם וַיְהוָה הִכָּה כָּל בְּכוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

And it came to be in the middle of the night, and יהוה smote all the firstborn in the land of Mitsrayim.

The word here for smite, hikkah הִכָּה, has the meaning of striking in the sense of killing, which is also what the English word ‘smite’ means. Even in the Greek of Hebrews 11:28 there is no mention of messengers (angels) anywhere having anything to do with the destroying of the firstborn. And in Exodus 12:23 there is no mention that the ‘destroyer’, the mashchith מַשְׁחִית, is a messenger (angel) either. And it still says that Yahuweh/Yehovah himself personally passed over the houses with the blood of the Lamb in that verse. Unfortunately Moses does not explain here in Exodus what he means by ‘the destroyer’, but even if this destroyer was a messenger of Yahuweh/Yehovah smiting the firstborn it does not change Exodus 12:27 and 29 that says Yahuweh/Yehovah directly passed over the houses and directly smote the firstborn himself as well.

Isaiah 26 (along with many other prophecies such as in Revelation) reveals that the plagues of Exodus are an end time prophecy during the tribulation period of time when Yahuweh/Yehovah is bringing his final judgment and justice on the earth right before he comes himself to the earth and resurrects the dead back to life. Isaiah 26:16 says:

יְהוָה בִּצְרָר פְּקֻדוֹתַי צָקוֹן לַחַשׁ מוֹסְרָךְ לְמוֹ

יהוה, in trouble they have visited You, pouring out prayer; Your discipline is toward them.

The Hebrew word translated here for ‘trouble’ is tsar צָר. The word tsar is the noun form of the root verb tsarar צָרַר, meaning press, compress, bind up, cramp, which figuratively has the extended meanings of oppress, persecute, afflict, cause distress. Tsar צָר is the masculine noun form of the verb tsarar צָרַר, and can have the meaning of a person who is an oppressor, enemy, adversary in certain contexts or in the general sense it means trouble, distress, affliction, tribulation. Tsarah צָרָה is the feminine noun form of tsar צָר and means exactly the same as tsar צָר, including trouble, distress, affliction, tribulation, except that it refers to a female rival or female oppressor when speaking of a particular person. Based on the meaning of pressing or pressure from the verb root, the most literally meaning for the nouns tsar and tsarah is ‘tight spot’. When you are in a ‘tight spot’ with no easy way out, that is when you experience trouble and the emotions of anxiety and distress in affliction, when the forces of pressure are squeezing and binding you and you are having trouble breaking free of them. That is what a time of tribulation literally describes.

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The feminine form tsarah צָרָה is used in Daniel 12:1 which says:

וְהָיְתָה עֵת צָרָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא נִהְיְתָה מִקִּיּוֹת גּוֹי עַד הַעֵת הַהִיא

And there shall be a time of trouble which has not been from *since* there was a nation until that time.

In reading through Daniel 12 Daniel is told of a ‘time of trouble’ or a ‘time of tribulation’ at the end of which is the resurrection of the dead of those who sleep in the dust of the earth. And Daniel is told that that time of trouble and distress, that time of tribulation, would last for a time, times, and half a time. In Hebrew it literally says, ‘lemo‘ed mo‘adim vachetsi’ וְחֶצְיִי לְמוֹעֵד מוֹעֵדִים ‘an appointed time, appointed times, and a half’. (This Hebrew word mo‘ed מוֹעֵד is the same word that Yahuweh/Yehovah uses in Leviticus 23 to describe his festivals, his appointed times or appointments.)

It is Daniel 12:1 which Yeshua is paraphrasing in Matthew 24:21, where he interprets this prophecy in Daniel 12 for us, explaining that it is not only a time of tribulation just for Daniel’s people, the Jewish people, which has not ever been before for the nation of Israel up to that time of tribulation, but it is also a time of great tribulation for all the world, which has never been for any of the world since its creation up to that point. In Matthew 24 Yeshua is speaking of the same tsarah צָרָה pressure, tight spot, trouble, distress, tribulation that is in Daniel 12:1

And it is very important to point out that here in both Daniel and Matthew it never says that it will be a time of the 'worst' tribulation and trouble that there has ever been, just a time of a different kind of trouble and tribulation that has never been in the world since its creation, or in the nation of Daniel's people since its creation. It's not a better or worse great tribulation from what has come before, it is just a completely different kind of great tribulation from anything that has ever come before it. It is a form of tribulation and distress and trouble that has never been experienced on the earth before.

The appointed time, appointed times, and half an appointed time in Daniel 12 is a mathematical formula that reveals Yahuweh/Yehovah's counting of time connected to his fulfillment of prophecy during the time of tsarah tribulation trouble on the earth. It is a single digit of time, in the singular, a multiplication of the single digit of time in the plural, and then a half or division of the single digit of time. If we enter the number 1 into the formula it becomes $1 + (1 \times 2) + (1/2)$ or $1+2+.5 = 3.5$. If we enter the number 2 into the equation it becomes $2 + (2 \times 2) + (2/2)$ or $2+4+1=7$. Entering 3 into the equation equals 10.5 and the number 4 in the equation equals 14. Every number entered into the equation will always equal a multiple of 7 or a multiple of a half of 7. Yahuweh/Yehovah's appointed times for the fulfillment of prophecies, especially concerning the time of tribulation, are counted in sevens and halves of sevens. [.5 1 2 and 1 2 4]

In Daniel 12 the time of tribulation trouble takes place, and then there is the resurrection of the dead. In the same way Isaiah 26 also has the time of tribulation trouble, and then the resurrection of the dead. These are two prophecies about the same time of tribulation trouble that comes right before the resurrection of the dead and Yeshua's coming in the clouds to gather his chosen. Isaiah 26 (like Daniel 11-12) is a specific prophecy about the end time tribulation period that Yeshua speaks of in Matthew 24. And as part of that time of tribulation there is a crying out in prayer as Yahuweh/Yehovah disciplines the people of the earth. And Yahuweh/Yehovah instructs his people what to do during that time of last days tribulation, to go into their rooms and shut their doors and hide until his displeasure and indignation and judgment has passed over them, in the same way Yahuweh/Yehovah passed over the homes of those with the blood of the Lamb on their doorposts when he killed the firstborn.

As Yahuweh/Yehovah punishes and judges the inhabitants of the earth for their wickedness and crookedness, for the blood that has been spilled (including the aborted children) he promises that those of his people who obey him and hide in their shut rooms will have a place of safety to avoid his plagues and judgments in the tribulation as he did for Israel in Egypt. The plagues are personally brought by Yahuweh/Yehovah himself across the nations, and he promises a place of safety for his people who hide in their rooms behind their doorposts covered in the blood of the Lamb Yeshua.

COVID-19 and the other plagues of locusts and darkness and water turned to blood beginning to come across the earth may be the sign that we are entering into the time of tribulation when Yahuweh/Yehovah is pouring out his plagues on the nations as he did with Egypt. And if the time of tribulation in Daniel 12 and Matthew 24 is coming, it means that the time of the fulfillment of Isaiah 26 is also coming, when Yahuweh/Yehovah's people go behind their closed doors and wait for a little while as Yahuweh/Yehovah pours out his plagues on Babylon, until Babylon lets his people go as the call goes to come out of Babylon, lest we share in her sins and her plagues (Isaiah 48:20-22; Jeremiah 51; Revelation 18).

In Exodus it was the nation of Egypt that was destroyed by the plagues while Yahuweh/Yehovah's people waited inside of Egypt in the place of safety in their homes in Goshen. But in the last days tribulation Yahuweh/Yehovah is pouring out his plagues of judgment on Babylon while his people are waiting in their places of safety, in their Goshens in the midst of Babylon, until Babylon is completely destroyed like Egypt and is finally willing to let Yahuweh/Yehovah's people go into the wilderness of Sinai to worship him at his mountain and for the wedding. And Jeremiah 51:7; Revelation 14:8; 17:2; 18:3 reveal that Babylon is every nation that has ever existed on the earth since the creation of the nations at the tower of Babylon in Genesis 11. Every nation that has ever existed on the earth with manmade laws and manmade governments throughout all of time has drunk of the cup of Babylon and adopted its mad, drunk systems of power and corruption, including Egypt, enslaving Yahuweh/Yehovah's people in sin and hardship.

All of the nations of the earth are Babylon, and Yahuweh/Yehovah will destroy Babylon in all of the nations of the earth in the same way he destroyed Egypt before taking his people out to Mount Sinai to worship him in spirit and in truth in the wilderness at the catching away and resurrection. In the same way that Egypt never again was a power on the earth after Yahuweh/Yehovah destroyed it, the man made systems and ways of governing with Babylon will never again exist for all eternity. The kingdoms of man will fall and come to an end to make way for the eternal reign of Yahuweh/Yehovah and his ways of governance which he reveals throughout Scripture.

Prophecy 1. The signs on the earth surrounding the events of COVID-19 are beginning to show that we are entering a time when we may very likely see the fulfillment of the prophecy of end time tribulation in Isaiah 26-27, side by side with Jeremiah 30-31 and Daniel 11-12 and Matthew 24 in these coming years.

The Plagues of Infectious Disease Brought by Yahuweh/Yehovah Himself Upon His People Israel Ended by His People Israel Responding with His Ardor Against Sin and with Ardent Crying Out in Repentance of Sin (Numbers 25; 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21; Isaiah 59:17):

In Numbers 25 many of Israel were worshipping false gods and committing adultery against Yahuweh/Yehovah in Moab. And Yahuweh/Yehovah had sent a plague of infectious disease into the camp of Israel. And as Moses was giving the order to kill all those in Israel who had joined themselves to the false god Ba'al Pe'or, Zimri walked by the assembly with a Midyanite woman Kozbi to take her into his tent. Seeing this, the priest Pinechas the grandson of Aaron took a spear and killed them both. And Yahuweh/Yehovah stopped the plague because Pinechas displayed Yahuweh/Yehovah's own ardor in the midst of Israel against the sin and adultery Israel was committing against him.

Yahuweh/Yehovah made a covenant of peace with Pinechas and all of the descendants of Pinechas, a covenant of an everlasting priesthood through his descendants. In Judges 20 and Joshua 22 Pinechas later became the high priest himself in Israel. 1 Chronicles 6 records the genealogy of Pinechas and shows his descendants serving as high priests for at least 1,000 years. In Ezra 7 it is seen that the priest Ezra himself was a descendant of Pinechas, and in Zechariah 6 Ezra's nephew Yehoshua (Joshua) the high priest was also a direct descendant of Pinechas. Scripture records 5 more generations of the descendants of Pinechas after Yehoshua (Yeshua) the high priest in Nehemiah 12 before stopping the record of the genealogy of Pinechas's descendants. But Yehoshua is the one in Zechariah 6 who was given a crown and dressed up prophetically to be the shadow picture of the future Messiah who would be 'the man whose Name is the Branch' who would be a high priest king over Israel. And Yeshua fulfilled that prophecy in Zechariah 6, even having the same name as Yehoshua or Yeshua the high priest at the time of Zechariah, when Yeshua became a priest, not through the lineage of Levi but through the king lineage of David. It could be that Yehoshua the high priest and descendant of Pinechas was the fulfillment of the covenant of everlasting priesthood that Yahuweh/Yehovah made with Pinechas when he became the prophetic picture in Zechariah 6 of the coming Messiah Yeshua who is our eternal and everlasting high priest.

In 2 Samuel 20:25 and throughout the books of Samuel and Kings Pinechas's descendant Tsadoq served as High Priest during the time of David. The righteousness and faithfulness to Yahuweh/Yehovah of Tsadoq and his children and descendants is recorded throughout Scripture. Tsadoq stayed with David all his life, never betraying him or turning away. And in Ezekiel 40:46 it is the sons of Tsadoq, who are the descendants of Pinechas, who serve before Yahuweh/Yehovah as priests in the Temple of Yahuweh/Yehovah that Ezekiel saw in his vision. The Temple in Ezekiel's vision is very precisely measured in the same way the Dwelling Place in Revelation 11:1-2 is also measured. But in Revelation 11 the people themselves in the Dwelling Place are also measured, showing a connection that the Temple Dwelling Place built and measured at Yahuweh/Yehovah's coming in the last days is made up of his people. The body of Messiah is his Temple Dwelling Place. It is his people who are built together who are the Temple that he dwells in. And the Last Days Temple that Ezekiel saw is the body Temple of believers in Yeshua who are joined together as the living stones and structure of

Yahuweh/Yehovah's dwelling place, where he dwells with us forever in our midst and within us. And at that time all of his people will be his priests according to Revelation 20:6.

In Luke 1:5 it says that Elisheva was a descendant of Aaron. There is no way to know for certain if she was descended from Aaron through Aaron's grandson Pinechas, but there is still a possibility that she could have been a descendant of Pinechas. Elisheva was Yochanan the Immerser's (John the Baptist's) mother, and if Elisheva was a descendant of Pinechas, then it would mean that Yochanan the Immerser who baptized Yeshua could have also been a descendant of Pinechas. There just is not enough information given in Luke to know for certain.

And in the eternal Temple of the living stones of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people in Ezekiel, even there the covenant of peace and of an everlasting priesthood continues through Pinechas's descendants through Tsadoq, no longer as high priests, but still in service before the face of Yahuweh/Yehovah. Yahuweh/Yehovah takes his covenants very seriously, never breaking them. And even when Yahuweh/Yehovah forms his people who have accepted his new covenant through Yeshua into the Temple structure of his eternal dwelling place, even then through the sons of Tsadoq Yahuweh/Yehovah will continue to keep his covenant with Pinechas that he made through that one act of ardency for Yahuweh/Yehovah during the plague of disease that was in the camp of Israel.

It was the ardor of Pinechas, in his displaying the ardency of Yahuweh/Yehovah, that caused Yahuweh/Yehovah to stop the plague of disease in the camp of Israel in Numbers 25. And then immediately after the plague stopped, Yahuweh/Yehovah commanded a census numbering to be taken of all of the people of Israel. He commanded for the people to be numbered, and it was in this census that it was discovered in Numbers 26 that none of the generation of Israel who had left Egypt was still alive except for Kalev (Caleb) and Yehoshua (Joshua). And they knew that it was finally time to be able to enter into the promised land and take it.

In 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 David takes a census on his own to number the people of Israel. In 1 Chronicles 21 it says that an unknown adversary (traditionally thought to be Satan) moved David to do the census, but in 2 Samuel 24 it says that it was Yahuweh/Yehovah himself who moved David to do the census, because of Yahuweh/Yehovah's burning displeasure at the time against the nation of Israel. [In 1 Kings 11:14 Yahuweh/Yehovah sends a satan or an adversary, against Solomon named Hadad, and this satan in the context of 1 Kings 11:14 definitely does not refer to Satan the fallen messenger (angel). So it is unclear in the context of 1 Chronicles 21 as well whether this is referring generically to a human adversary that Yahuweh/Yehovah raised up or to Satan.] No matter who the adversary was, ultimately it was Yahuweh/Yehovah who was the initial instigator to move David to take the census.

In Exodus 30:11-16 Yahuweh/Yehovah gives the proper instruction on how to take a census of his people Israel without his plague of judgment coming on the land, by each person in the census paying a half-shekel to Yahuweh/Yehovah as an atonement for their lives. David did not take the half-shekel atonement and just as Yahuweh/Yehovah promised in Exodus 30, he brought a plague on the nation of Israel. But it is interesting that Yahuweh/Yehovah gave David the choice of 7 or 3 years of famine, 3 months of being defeated by enemies, or 3 days of an infectious disease plague on the nation. David ended up choosing for Yahuweh/Yehovah to send

disease upon the nation of Israel in accordance with Exodus 30, because he knew that Yahuweh/Yehovah is compassionate and merciful and it is better to be in his hands in disease than in the hands of men as enemies.

And Yahuweh/Yehovah himself sent the plague of disease upon the nation of Israel, upon his people, according to 2 Samuel 24:15 and 1 Chronicles 21:14, which both say, ‘And יהוה’ sent a plague upon Yisra’el.’ He himself sent the plague to deal with whatever sin was in the nation at that time, and he only ever sends plagues upon his people and upon nations in order to deal with their sin and rebellion and turn them back to truth and righteousness. And the messenger (angel) of Yahuweh/Yehovah which was sent by Yahuweh/Yehovah brought a plague of disease on the nation, killing 70,000 in less than 3 days. And the messenger of Yahuweh/Yehovah had his hand and his sword stretched over the city of Jerusalem to destroy the city with the plague.

It appears that the messenger would simply either strike people with his hand or strike them with his sword and the infectious disease would materialize in that person’s body and kill them. In 1 Chronicles 21:12 and 21:16 it was the ‘sword of Yahuweh/Yehovah’ in the hand of the messenger of Yahuweh/Yehovah that was striking people with the plague of disease. From what details are shared in Samuel and Chronicles David and a group of elders were all in sackcloth nearby to the threshing floor belonging to Aravnah/Arnan the Yevusi. (Tsaadoq, the descendant of Pinechas, was high priest at this time, but there is no way to know if he was present there at the threshing floor with David and the elders.)

In Judges 19:11-12 it explains that the Yevusi were gentiles, foreigners, who were not descendants of the tribes of Israel, and they were the inhabitants of the city of Jerusalem before David took control of the city and made it the capital of Israel. It is likely that Aravnah/Arnan the Yevusi was a gentile who had made David his king and had become a citizen of the nation of Israel according to the instructions of Yahuweh/Yehovah in the Torah for gentiles to become part of the covenant.

It was here on this threshing floor, for the threshing of the grain, that the messenger of Yahuweh/Yehovah stopped at Yahuweh/Yehovah’s command, and David saw the messenger standing there with his hand and sword over the city of Jerusalem ready to strike it with plague. Then Yahuweh/Yehovah instructed David through the prophet Gad to make an altar and sacrifice to Yahuweh/Yehovah there on that threshing floor where the messenger of Yahuweh/Yehovah was standing. And David bought the threshing floor from Aravnah/Arnan and sacrificed to Yahuweh/Yehovah there on the threshing floor, and the plague of infectious disease was ended.

That threshing floor then became the foundation for the Temple of Yahuweh/Yehovah in Jerusalem, the foundation of his Dwelling Place where the Temple was built by Solomon and every Temple has stood since. The foundation of Yahuweh/Yehovah’s house is the threshing floor. The process of threshing is an uncomfortable process for the wheat as it gets tossed about and shaken in the wind, in order for the chaff to be blown away. Yahuweh/Yehovah brought a threshing upon the nation of Israel with the infectious disease plague, and David and the elders were there in sackcloth crying out as the leaders of the nation there at the literal threshing floor as they themselves and all the nation were being threshed by Yahuweh/Yehovah in upheaval and shaking. Out of the epidemic plague of disease that threshed the nation of Israel, Yahuweh/Yehovah identified the piece of property, the threshing floor that would be the foundation of his

House. And out of the epidemic of disease, the plague that Yahuweh/Yehovah sent upon the nation, as a result his House was built in Jerusalem, from the threshing of the people as they cried out to him in repentance in sackcloth upon the threshing floor.

It is the threshing that is the foundation of Yahuweh/Yehovah's House, and the Temple Mount location is the shadow picture in the natural world of how Yahuweh/Yehovah's House was built upon the threshing floor out of the plague that threshed the nation of Israel. Both of these times that Yahuweh/Yehovah sent plagues among his people, it was to deal with the sin in the camp and in the nation. It was the ardency of Pinechas against the sin that caused Yahuweh/Yehovah to stop his plague of disease the first time. And the second time it was the crying out in sackcloth in repentance and humility on the threshing floor, and the sacrificing to Yahuweh/Yehovah on the altar on the threshing floor, that caused Yahuweh/Yehovah to stop the plague.

Yahuweh/Yehovah does not want to have to bring his plagues over people, as he said to his messenger in 2 Samuel 24:16 and 1 Chronicles 21:15, 'Enough, now still your hand!' But he absolutely cannot let evil continue forever, and when it reaches a certain point in society and especially in his own people he has to stop the evil with plagues. And it is the humility in crying out with repentance and the ardor to kill the sin in our own lives by thrusting it through with the spear of Yeshua, like the nails piercing through us as we are crucified with Messiah (Galatians 2:20) that stops the plagues. The plagues of various kinds, including diseases like COVID-19, are Yahuweh/Yehovah's threshing and tossing and shaking of the people to remove the chaff of sin from their lives and from the nations. It is the separating of the wheat from the chaff that Yochanan (John the Baptist) speaks of in Mathew 3:12, burning the chaff of sin in the fire in order to preserve and save the wheat.

Even in Job 2:7 where 'the Adversary' haSatan is the one who strikes Job with a plague of disease, he still first had to get permission from Yahuweh/Yehovah to do so. Yahuweh/Yehovah always allows his righteous servants to be struck with disaster and crisis and disease for a reason, as he takes his people through the refining process of trial. And then he takes away the trials as quickly as they came when the time of that trial is complete, as he did for Job.

In the same way as it was in the time of Pinechas and the time of David, the COVID-19 pandemic plague will only stop in those nations where Yahuweh/Yehovah's people have the ardor of Pinechas and are crying out to Yahuweh/Yehovah in sackcloth on the threshing floor, with an ardency in intercession for the sin in the camp of his people. And it is here in these chapters in 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles at the threshing floor that there appears to be an unexpected prophecy that is now being fulfilled in the present during the plague of COVID-19.

The most intriguing prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled were those prophecies in Scripture that were not supposed to be prophecies at all. There is nowhere in Jonah that indicates his staying inside of the belly of a large fish for 3 days and 3 nights was a prophecy about the Messiah in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights. But even though there is no appearance in Jonah that this is a Messianic prophecy, Yeshua fulfilled it as a prophecy anyways. There were no indications that the majority of the book of Exodus and the festivals created from the events in Exodus were prophecies, yet Yeshua fulfilled the festival of Passover on the exact day of Passover as the sacrificed Lamb, as well as the festival of Unleavened Bread of starting the process of the removal of the leaven of sin from our lives with his death during the actual days of the festival of Unleavened Bread. There was no indication that Psalms 78:1-4 was a prophecy that the Messiah would speak to his people in parables and

riddles. But Yeshua still fulfilled these verses as a prophecy, and the fascinating thing is that in the context of Psalms 78, it is actually saying there that the Torah (the five books of Moses) is a parable and riddle, especially the book of Exodus. It is explaining that the entire Torah, and especially the book of Exodus, is a parable prophecy of future events, and Yeshua was the living Torah of Yahuweh/Yehovah speaking and interpreting the parable of the Torah for those who have ears to hear him.

There were many surprise prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled that no one even knew were prophecies in Scripture until after he had fulfilled them. If Yeshua fulfilled prophecies that no one knew were prophecies, how much more in the last days and the time of his return will there be prophecies fulfilled that no one even knows are prophecies. And in 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 we may be seeing the beginning fulfillment of one of those prophecies that none of us ever knew was a prophecy for the last days. With COVID-19 sweeping the entire earth, it is now appearing that the two chapters in Samuel and Chronicles about the plague and the building of the House of Yahuweh/Yehovah are an actual end time prophecy.

Yahuweh/Yehovah brought the plague of disease across the nation of Israel to thresh the nation. Yahuweh/Yehovah is doing the same thing again, except that this time he is threshing the entire world, all of the nations of the earth, with the COVID-19 plague. And all of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people who have accepted Yeshua as Messiah are on Yahuweh/Yehovah's threshing floor with him through the plague, as the nations are being threshed. It is now a time when Yahuweh/Yehovah is capturing the full attention of all of his people with everything shutting down, and it is time for them to be on his threshing floor with him, crying out in intercession for his people and the nations for the chaff of sin to be tossed away. Yahuweh/Yehovah is shaking and tossing all the nations and all his wheat representing his people whom he is harvesting in the nations, with the entire world as his threshing floor. Everything and everyone will be shaken that can be shaken, and only the wheat will remain as the chaff blows away.

But this time out of the threshing and shaking of all the nations and the crying out and ardor of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people on the threshing floor of all the nations, Yahuweh/Yehovah's eternal House will be built. This threshing floor of COVID-19, like the threshing floor of the plague in the time of David, will become the foundation for Yahuweh/Yehovah's eternal House, in the same way the physical, shadow picture House of Yahuweh/Yehovah was built on the threshing floor in Jerusalem. Aravnah/Arnan was very possibly a gentile Yevusi, representing the nations of the earth. Yahuweh/Yehovah wants his House to be a House of Prayer for all the nations in Isaiah 56, to bring all the nations into his House or nation Israel. The words house and people and nation are used synonymously throughout Scripture and Yahuweh/Yehovah is forming all of his people from all of the nations into his eternal House of Prayer for all the peoples of the earth. Yahuweh/Yehovah wants all the peoples of the earth to be grafted into his nation Israel (Romans 11).

And this threshing floor of the COVID-19 plague across the entire earth is the foundation out of which Yahuweh/Yehovah's House will be built just as it was built out of the plague in the time of David the first time. From the evidence that I continue to find in Scripture I do not believe there is going to be another physical Temple or House built for Yahuweh/Yehovah on the Temple Mount. Searching through the Gospels and the life of Yeshua I cannot find one significant prophecy that was fulfilled using the physical Temple that was on the earth at that time. If the physical Temple has not been standing at that time Yeshua would have still fulfilled

all of the prophecies, and the physical Temple at his first coming was prophetically irrelevant. Even the prophecy of Yeshua as the Messiah being sacrificed as the Passover Lamb that we might think logically would have been fulfilled inside of the Temple, was fulfilled outside of the Temple on the top of Mount Moriyah in fulfillment of the prophecy of Genesis 22 in the same place where Abraham was going to offer Isaac as a sacrifice on the top of Mount Moriyah, before a ram was provided in place of Isaac. (This is another one of those prophecies that no one knew was a prophecy until Yeshua fulfilled it.

If the physical Temple was irrelevant in the fulfillment of the prophecies the first time Yeshua came, why should we think a physical Temple (even if built) would play any significant role in the fulfillment of prophecies during the time of tribulation and his return? In Exodus 25:40 and other places in Exodus we learn that Moses saw Yahuweh/Yehovah's real spiritual House on top of Mount Sinai. And from Yahuweh/Yehovah's real spiritual House Moses was instructed by Yahuweh/Yehovah to build a symbolic physical House made as a replica of the real spiritual House, including symbolic replicas of the furniture in Yahuweh/Yehovah's real spiritual house, such as the menorah and ark of the covenant, etc. The Tabernacle and later the Temple together with all of its furniture was always meant to be symbolic, physical replicas of the spiritual reality. And Yahuweh/Yehovah's spiritual House, his spiritual Temple, is even more real than the physical, made up of spiritual matter that is even more real than the physical matter that we inhabit on the earth.

The time of the symbolic physical Temple and Tabernacle on the earth is finished and completed and no longer needed. Building another symbolic physical Temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is no longer needed when we have the real spiritual Temple that is being built in its place, Ezekiel's Temple made up of all of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people through Yeshua as the body of his Dwelling Place. He is building all of his people into his real spiritual Temple, his actual House in the spiritual dimensions of the heavens that will be his House of Prayer for all the peoples of the nations to inhabit together with him. When we are going to be living with Yahuweh/Yehovah in his real spiritual Temple House, we no longer need the symbolic physical Temple House that was only made to be a replica, pattern, shadow picture of the real in the dimensions of the heavens according to Exodus 25 etc. (Of course the disgusting abomination idol desolating still has to be placed at a set-apart place somewhere; but there is no requirement in Scripture that says that set-apart place miqdash has to be a physical Temple or physical building structure of a house.)

This is why the more I read and study the prophecies in Scripture and the ways that Yeshua fulfilled prophecies in Scripture I become more and more convinced that another symbolic physical Temple on the Temple Mount would have no importance in Yahuweh/Yehovah's goals in fulfilling his prophecies at his coming in the last days. I do not think that out of this COVID-19 plague another symbolic physical Temple will be built on the Temple Mount. It is always possible that a Temple could be built there again just as another symbolic shadow picture for some reason. But the more important House that will be built in fulfillment of the prophecy in 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 is the eternal House of Prayer of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people, built into his real, spiritual House where all of his people will live together with him eternally, in the same house with him.

Prophecy 2. An unexpected prophecy in 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21 appears to now be in process of fulfillment, with Yahuweh/Yehovah threshing and shaking and tossing the nations and his people with

the COVID-19 plague pandemic as in the days of King David, out of which will come the building of Yahuweh/Yehovah's eternal House of Prayer for all peoples to have access to living together with him through Yeshua, on the foundation of the COVID-19 threshing floor.

A Quick Look at COVID-19 (Isaiah 28:1-5):

According to available statistics online, an average of about 1 billion people contract Influenza every year and about 500,000 of those people die from Influenza every year, which is an average of about a .1% to .01% case fatality rate. People have tried to compare COVID-19 with Influenza, but until 1 billion people have been confirmed positive with COVID-19, there is no way to do any comparison this way. Influenza has an infection rate (r_0) of between 1 and 2 among the different strains, meaning each person who gets Influenza spreads it to about 1 to 2 people depending upon the strain. The infection rate for COVID-19 is not yet known for certain, but scientific testing does now at least know for certain that the COVID-19 virus is able to stay floating in the air for up to several hours and is able to survive on certain surfaces for up to 2 days. This means the virus is more infectious than what was originally thought, closer in the spectrum to being as infectious as the Measles virus which also is able to stay in the air for hours and is one of the most infectious viruses known on the earth today.

COVID-19 might not be as infectious as measles, but it is definitely much more infectious than Influenza. An Israeli man who traveled from Italy back home to Israel lied about where he had been in order to avoid quarantine. He later developed symptoms of COVID-19 and tested positive. While he had symptoms he was still working as an employee at a local market shop. Two other Israelis who were only breathing the same air with him for about 15 minutes in the store both contracted the virus, and those were just the two that they found. This is an example of how infectious COVID-19 is.

Here is another way to compare COVID-19 with Influenza. When was the last time that you heard of a government official dying from Influenza? At least 4 Iranian government officials have died from COVID-19 so far. When was the last time that you heard of multiple, healthy people in their 20s and 30s with no underlying health conditions in critical condition in the hospital simultaneously with Influenza? With COVID-19 there are many reports in countries all over the world of young people in their 20s and 30s in hospital in critical condition, and even some in their 30s in perfect health who have died from COVID-19 (one of which being an amazing story of a Christian in China discussed later). When was the last time there were morgues overwhelmed with dozens and even hundreds of dead simultaneously from Influenza as there are with COVID-19? Not since the Spanish Bird Flu 100 years ago. And modern medicine is much more advanced now than it was 100 years ago. When was the last time that you saw multiple people of the same family, siblings all in their 40s all in the hospital simultaneously in critical condition from Influenza as is now being reported with COVID-19 here in America? When was the last time a man had to wait 36 hours for his dead sister's body to be removed from his house by authorities from Influenza? An Italian actor in Italy had to wait that long for his sister in her 40s who had died from COVID-19. In Italy there are reports of thefts of oxygen tanks because there are not enough to go around for everyone. When was the last time that you heard of people dying within hours of the onset of symptoms from Influenza? With COVID-19 there are reports of some in their 80's from the nursing home in King County, Washington who died a few hours later after showing their first symptoms of the virus. This is of course not the norm, because from most reports around the world it takes closer to 3 to 4 weeks to die from the virus.

The first UK citizen to contract COVID-19, a Welsh teacher working in Wuhan, was only 25 years old. He shared his story online of what he went through with the virus. It took him about 1 month to get over COVID-19, and he was young. He said the symptoms came on suddenly and he tried to ignore the virus and continue with his normal life. Then the virus hit him hard and he was down flat. He started out with cold symptoms, then he started feeling better and thought he was recovering, but suddenly got bad flu symptoms. Then he started feeling better again and again thought he had recovered when he suddenly contracted pneumonia and did not recover until day 24. Then on day 52 he was notified that he had tested positive for COVID-19. When was the last time that it took a healthy 25 year old over 1 month to recover from Influenza? So far those who take the virus seriously get through it much better than those who don't.

“First British Person with Coronavirus Reveals Agony of Contracting Illness” by Ellena Cruse (March 5, 2020)
Evening Standard

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/coronavirus-symptoms-signs-first-brit-connor-reed-a4379056.html>

There was a 34 year old man California man who had had childhood asthma that he had recovered from and no longer suffered from. He died from COVID-19 only 12 days after his first onset of symptoms. Sadly the 21 year old coach of one of Spain's youth football teams Francisco Garcia died from COVID-19 because he had unknowingly had leukemia prior to contracting the virus. He is possibly the youngest person to die from the virus so far. In Australia where they are still in the transition from summer to autumn there were over 30 people who contracted COVID-19 from a single wedding, just by being together for a short time at a wedding. A 27 year old healthy, Polish woman with no preexisting conditions died of COVID-19 a few days after giving birth.

COVID-19 is nothing to be afraid of when you are under the blood of Yeshua on the doorposts of your heart, but it is important to still have a healthy respect for it and to take it seriously. One way that COVID-19 and Influenza are the same: there are many who contract COVID-19 and never have any serious symptoms at all, who only spread the virus around to others but never have any serious affects from it and are even asymptomatic.

The word coronavirus translates into English as crown virus. There is more than one Hebrew word for a pestilence or infectious, viral disease that spreads as a plague, but the Hebrew word maggephah appears to be one of the two most common ancient Hebrew equivalents of what we would call a virus or pestilence in modern times. Therefore coronavirus would translate into ancient Hebrew as:

מַגֵּפָה עֲטָרָה

maggephah atarah

crown pestilence

In Hebrew the adjective ‘crown’ comes after the noun ‘pestilence’ or ‘virus,’ but it is still ‘crown pestilence’ or ‘crown virus’ in the English language which has adjectives before nouns. In this section and the section after

this we will examine the evidence that shows COVID-19 is a plague from Yahuweh/Yehovah through which he is bringing about much good, turning around evil for good as he always does.

In Isaiah 28:1-5 there is a prophecy in which Yahuweh/Yehovah speaks of the proud crown, the atarah עֲטָרָה of pride, that he takes from the head of the drunkards of Ephrayim. This shows the prophetic comparison between a crown worn on the head and a person's pride and arrogance. In the prophecy Yahuweh/Yehovah speaks of removing the crown of pride from the head of the drunkards and bringing about the destruction of the proud. Then in verse 5 he promises that the remnant of Ephrayim will wear Yahuweh/Yehovah as a crown of splendor, as an atarah עֲטָרָה, on their heads. This shows the prophetic comparison of those who do not wear the crown of pride on their heads will have Yahuweh/Yehovah himself over them like a crown. And it is best for us to remove our crowns and throw them at Yahuweh/Yehovah's feet, throwing away our pride, to humble ourselves before him. Then he becomes a splendid crown upon us, the crown of the splendor and righteousness of Yahuweh/Yehovah being glorified and esteemed above all.

There is a lot of controversy around COVID-19 as to whether it is a manmade virus or one that is naturally occurring in nature. Either way it does not really matter if this virus comes from Yahuweh/Yehovah's creation in nature or if man recreated this virus from Yahuweh/Yehovah's creation. Yahuweh/Yehovah is using this virus to accomplish his will and mind on the earth in the same way he uses the 10 sovereigns and the Beast system according to Revelation 17:17. Ultimately Yahuweh/Yehovah is in total control over everything and there are many signs in this virus that show his hand in what is happening, things which no human or any evil demonic power would ever do or try to bring about.

This crown virus, this maggephah atarah COVID-19, Yahuweh/Yehovah is using to knock off the crowns of pride of the arrogant and those in uplifted positions, and raising up and glorifying his crown of humility and splendor above the nations and over his people's heads, his remnant.

Italy: On the day that Italy had their first confirmed death from COVID-19 of an Italian man who had obtained the virus through community spread in Italy, the Prime Minister of Italy Giuseppe Conte boasted on television that Italy had done the best job of containing the COVID-19 virus out of every country in the entire continent of Europe. At the time he made the boast Italy only had about a dozen confirmed cases of COVID-19. Every single day from that day since the number of confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 have exponentially increased to the point where the outbreak is currently the worst out of all of the countries in the continent of Europe. The crown of pride was removed from the head of Italy by the crown virus.

Turkey: On the day that Turkey had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 of a person who contracted the virus while traveling internationally abroad the Turkish Health Minister boasted that there was no risk of there ever being a COVID-19 outbreak in the country of Turkey. Within 7 days the number of confirmed cases in Turkey rose to 100 with their first recorded death and recorded cases of community transmission confirming an outbreak of COVID-19 in Turkey. Now the crown of pride is being removed from the head of Turkey.

Iran: The Iranian Health Minister boasted about how there was no serious outbreak of COVID-19 anywhere in Iran while he had the COVID-19 virus in his body and tested positive the next day. He had been sent a letter from an Iranian Member of Parliament in Qom that there were at least 50 dead in the city from the virus, and he said that if there were even half that many he would resign. There are now confirmed many hundreds of dead

from the virus in Qom, with the real numbers of dead there much higher than the government is reporting, possibly in the thousands from the video evidence of the local Qom cemetery. As of the end of February at least 8% of the Iranian parliament had contracted the virus and at least 4 government officials had died. The crown of pride was removed from the head of the nation of Iran. And there are now confirmed cases of COVID-19 in every single province of Iran across every part of the country.

New York: When New York state discovered their first outbreak of COVID-19 in Westchester County and had only a couple dozen confirmed cases with no deaths, Governor Andrew Cuomo boasted that the COVID-19 virus is no big deal. He said that there were only a few cases and nobody had died and there was nothing to worry about from the insignificant COVID-19 virus. The very next day the number of confirmed cases in New York doubled, and by the next day after that the Head of Transportation for New York state tested positive and Governor Cuomo had ordered a military enforced quarantine in New Rochelle in Westchester County because of the rapid rise in confirmed cases. Then Governor Cuomo boasted that he would never lock down or quarantine or close any of the borders of the city of New York. The very next morning a total of 2,900 cases were confirmed in a single 24 hour period in New York state, the highest rate of increase in any state in the country up to the present. And on that very same next day Governor Cuomo order not only a complete lock down and shut down of the city of New York, but also the entire state of New York as well. The crown of pride was removed from the head of New York.

Gov. Cuomo Says He's Not Locking Down New York City (March 19, 2020) Bloomberg Markets and Finance
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kwVRJzQc4A>

Sports: NBA player Rudy Gobert mocked COVID-19 in a press conference in front of reporters on video and before leaving the conference made sure to touch every single one of the reporters' microphones as part of his mocking of COVID-19. Only a few days later Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19 and single handedly caused the cancellation of the entire rest of the NBA season within 30 minutes of his positive test, along with the cancellations of the remaining seasons of just about every national sport in the entire country of America. The crown of pride was removed from the head of the sports industry in America.

China with the Greatest Boast of All: On October 1, 2019 Chinese President Xi Jinping said at the 70th year anniversary of the Communist takeover of China, "There is no force that can shake the foundation of this great nation. No force can stop the Chinese people and the Chinese nation forging ahead." In defiance against the living Yahuweh/Yehovah President Xi boasted that there was no force that could even shake, let alone stop, the Communist nation of China and he had also recently ordered the removal of the first commandment from churches in China. It is not known for certain when COVID-19 first broke out in Wuhan, only that it started there at least as early as about the first week in November, but perhaps even sooner in October. Regardless, COVID-19 broke out in China shortly after President Xi's boast in defiance against Yahuweh/Yehovah and now China as a nation has been shaken severely as Yahuweh/Yehovah is shaking and threshing that nation. And China's economy was completely stopped and halted as a nation as the Chinese government put in extreme emergency measures to try to stop the spread of COVID-19 through the county.

The true numbers of infected and dead from COVID-19 might not every be known. It was known from some reports leaked out that the government was not counting any of those who died from the virus in their homes in the official death numbers, taking their bodies directly to the crematoriums in the city of Wuhan. Based on the number of Chinese people who carried the COVID-19 virus outside of Wuhan during the initial outbreak, multiple virus pandemic experts around the world estimated the true number of people infected inside of Wuhan and Hubei province in early February to be about 400,000 to 900,000 at that time.

At the end of February the Chinese Christians in Wuhan were reporting that the government was taking the bodies of those who died from COVID-19 directly to the crematoriums and burning the bodies without telling any of their family or relatives they had died. So there are many Chinese families looking for their lost relatives and have no idea what happened to them, not even knowing they had died. The Chinese Christians are a source that I do trust about what is really going on in China, and it finally explains how the Chinese government was hiding all of the deaths so that no one would find out that the numbers of dead at the end of February were actually in the tens of thousands. Even though the real numbers and effect of COVID-19 cannot be fully known in China, for certain it has been very bad in the way it has completely stopped the Chinese nation from moving forward and has completely shaken the Chinese government, as Yahuweh/Yehovah has removed the crown of pride from the head of China in a direct power confrontation with the Chinese government at its boast that no force could ever shake or stop Communist China.

There is no way to know the truth as to how much the COVID-19 outbreak in China has been slowed from their quarantine measures, because of the Chinese government's unwillingness to be transparent and open about their testing and how many have really been infected and died from the virus in the country. There is lots of evidence that the Chinese government's numbers of cases infected is enormously lower than the true number, including the fact that on February 3, 2020 President Xi Jinping told all of the local Chinese governments that their quarantine measures were hurting the Chinese economy, and that it was more important to get the Chinese people back to work than to lock down cities and try to contain the virus. And every single day after that the numbers of new confirmed cases dropped every single day in China, except for one day in between, until they reached single digits for the entire country outside of Hubei province. Then they continued to stay in single digits for several weeks until magically all of the country, including the outbreak place of Hubei province, was suddenly at 0 new cases of community transmission for the entire country. Not even in South Korea where they were able to get the COVID-19 outbreak under control and substantially slowed by testing tens of thousands of people every day have they been able to reach 0 new cases continuously every day like the Chinese government is expecting the world to believe.

The epidemiological experts at the Imperial College in London in studying the global data on the virus have projected that all the countries around the world with outbreaks will have to keep their nations completely locked down with every kind of public gathering place closed for at least 18 months continuously until a vaccine is available in sufficient quantities on the market in order to keep the spread of the virus slowed down. If a country tries to go back to normal and have everyone go back to work while relaxing the quarantine measures before the end of the 18 months next year in 2021 when a vaccine is expected to be completed, then COVID-19 will come back stronger in that country again. China at the end of March is for the first time

beginning to go back to work and open their factories again. The Chinese government has relaxed the quarantine measures for the first time and is starting to let people go out in Wuhan and Hubei province to be together in groups again. And we will find out in the next few weeks if there is another COVID-19 outbreak that happens again in the country that will force the government to make the choice between shutting down the country again or sacrificing the Chinese people to their deaths by letting them all contract the virus and allowing many more to die from it.

Ultimately Yahuweh/Yehovah is the one who will stop the COVID-19 plague in his own way, with or without a vaccine, when Yahuweh/Yehovah's people have cried out to him in repentance and intercession for the nations with his ardor on the threshing floor. When there is repentance and a turning away from sin in the nations he will supernaturally remove the COVID-19 plague away from those nations, no matter how long it takes. The COVID-19 plague will end whenever Yahuweh/Yehovah ends it, whenever that time comes that he decides to end it, including in China. And that time may be different for different nations depending upon how far along the people are in those nations in their crying out to him on the threshing floor, laying down our crowns of pride in humility.

But there are also amazing reports coming out of China of the Chinese Christians being supernaturally healed of COVID-19 and revivals breaking out. The Christians there are bravely preaching the Good News of Yeshua on the streets of Wuhan while handing out free masks, and even the police were interested in hearing the Gospel.

“Reports of Supernatural Healing, Revivals in Midst of Coronavirus Outbreak” by Stephen Strang (February 18, 2020) *Charisma News*

<https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/79976-reports-of-supernatural-healing-revivals-in-midst-of-coronavirus-outbreak>

Even though Lenin and the Communist Revolution took place in 1917, the oppressive Communist government was not put in place in Russia until 1918 to 1919, and about 70 years later in 1989 the 70 years of slavery and hard labor under the oppressive Communist government was finished as Yahuweh/Yehovah collapsed the iron curtain and removed the oppression over the believers in Yeshua in those Communist countries (Jeremiah 25:9-12). It is no coincidence that Yahuweh/Yehovah is coming against the Chinese government with plagues of locust and sickness on their livestock and animals and plague of disease among the people 70 years after the hard service and slavery of the Chinese people began to the Communist government there in 1949. The Chinese Christians which number close to 300 million and outnumber the members of the Communist Party in China may be going through their time of release in the midst of the plagues of Egypt in their Goshen and through their Red Sea before they are set free from the oppressive Chinese government. But we will have to wait and see what Yahuweh/Yehovah's will is and what he is doing in China.

On December 30, 2019 the Chinese Government announced the Revised Regulations on Religious Affairs law that included a new law that Christians were not allowed to have priests or religious leaders present at funerals and no more than 10 family members participating in religious services like reading Scripture and

singing hymns. The enforcement of these revisions were to go into effect on February 1, 2020. The next day on December 31, 2019 the Wuhan Public Health department made the first public statement about COVID-19 and notified the WHO. Then on February 1, 2020 on the exact same day that the law about the banning of funerals for the Chinese Christians was to go into effect, the Chinese government announced a ban of all funerals for all Chinese citizens across the entire country of China who had contracted COVID-19. And Yahuweh/Yehovah brought the ban that the Chinese government had made on his people onto all of the nation of China.

“China Announces New Crackdown on Religious Freedom” by Catholic News Agency (January 7, 2020)
National Catholic Register

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/china-announces-new-crackdown-on-religious-freedom>

Wuhan Municipal Health Commission First Public Statement on COVID-19 December 31, 2019

<http://wjw.wuhan.gov.cn/front/web/showDetail/2019123108989>

“Coronavirus Creates New Problems for China’s Persecuted Religious Minorities” by Catholic News Agency (February 6, 2020) *National Catholic Register*

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/coronavirus-creates-new-problems-for-chinas-persecuted-religious-minorities>

<https://twitter.com/globaltimesnews/status/1223774570043232256>

The doctor in China who first discovered and tried to warn the Chinese government and the Chinese people about the spread of the new COVID-19 virus was Doctor Li Wenliang. He tried to save China from what was coming upon it, but the Chinese government only tried to silence him and forced him to sign a statement he had made it all up. If they had listened to him the outbreak could have been contained or slowed much sooner. The Chinese government has only itself to blame for the devastation of the nation of China that they are now experiencing. Li Wenliang contracted COVID-19 himself in mid-January and died about a month later in February as a martyr of COVID-19. His death caused an outcry among the people of China for freedom of speech even among some Chinese government officials in position of authority. Li was a healthy young man in his 30s with no underlying health conditions and he also was a Christian, dying ultimately as a martyr for Yahuweh/Yehovah as Yahuweh/Yehovah breaks the Chinese government. But ultimately Yahuweh/Yehovah will be breaking all of the governments of man in all the nations of the earth, because they are all Babylon and all of Babylon will ultimately fall under Yahuweh/Yehovah’s judgment as Egypt fell, never to rise again.

“Doctor Li Wenliang” (February 9, 2020) *SHiNE Pharmacy*

<https://renewaljournal.com/2020/02/04/china-how-christians-respond-to-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ShinePharmacy/posts/2502077763253512/>

The way that the crowns of pride and arrogance of the peoples and nations across the earth are being removed by this crown virus can only be coming from Yahuweh/Yehovah. He is the one who removes the crowns from the heads of the proud. There are no powers of man or of the demonic dragon who would have any reason or desire to deal with the sin of man's pride and cause people to humble themselves to repent of their sins and turn their focus back to Yahuweh/Yehovah the creator of the heavens and the earth. It does not really matter if this virus COVID-19 is manmade or from Yahuweh/Yehovah's creation in nature, Yahuweh/Yehovah is the one behind COVID-19, using it for his glory and to save as many people's eternal lives as possible who would turn and accept Yeshua as their Passover Lamb.

And it is comforting to know that Yahuweh/Yehovah is instigating and in complete control of this virus COVID-19, because everyone who knows Yahuweh/Yehovah and knows they can completely trust him with their lives knows that he will take care of them and hold them in his hands through this virus. No matter what happens through the time of trial, Yahuweh/Yehovah will cause it all to be very wonderfully good at the end of everything, as he turns everything for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28). But this is not even all of the evidence that Yahuweh/Yehovah is using this virus to bring about his will and purposes on the earth, even in the midst of all the death. The next section shows how he is using COVID-19 to do even more in the lives of the people on the earth in fulfillment of his prophecies in Zephaniah.

The Process of the Removal of the Stumbling Blocks (Sin Enticements) has Begun in Preparation of Yahuweh/Yehovah's Coming to Dwell in the Midst of Mankind (Isaiah 57; Zephaniah 1; Matthew 13:36-50; 24:40-41):

The Hebrew word mikshol מִכְשׁוֹל translated as stumbling block literally means any solid object mass that is an obstacle that causes a person to trip over it and fall. At the same time mikshol מִכְשׁוֹל also has the meaning of anything or anyone that causes a person to stumble and fall into sin, to be enticed into sinning. A mikshol stumbling block is a 'sin enticement'.

Isaiah 57:14 is a prophecy about the removal of the stumbling blocks or sin enticements out of the way of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people in preparation for his coming, saying,

הָרִימוּ מִכְשׁוֹל מִדֶּרֶךְ עַמִּי

take up the stumbling block from the way of My people

The context of Isaiah 57 is Yahuweh/Yehovah speaking to the people of the earth who are acting as prostitutes in worshipping false gods, including aborting their children to false gods, and worshipping idols of those gods. It is all about how the people of the earth are prostituting themselves with false, imposter gods in their loving of the world, and are stubborn and arrogant in their loving of false gods to the point that they refuse to stop. And everything that the people are doing are sin and evil. Then in verse 14 Yahuweh/Yehovah says to take up and remove the stumbling blocks out of the way of his people, all of the things mentioned previously in the chapter which are all stumbling blocks that cause his people to fall into sin. He removes all of the collections of material things, people's idols, that cause them to stumble and be enticed into sinning. Yahuweh/Yehovah has the stumbling blocks or sin enticements removed from the earth in preparation of the way of his coming.

Zephaniah 1 is even more specific about the stumbling blocks. In Zephaniah 1:3 Yahuweh/Yehovah says,

אָסַף אָדָם וּבְהֵמָה אָסַף עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּדְגֵי הַיָּם וְהַמְכַשְׁלוֹת אֶת הַרְשָׁעִים

I shall remove man and beast, I shall remove the birds of the heavens,
and the fish of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the bad ones

In Zephaniah Yahuweh/Yehovah talks about removing everything from the earth, every living thing and every non-living thing. And the stumbling blocks he speaks of include the people who are in sin and entice others to fall into sin, those who worship Yahuweh/Yehovah and other false gods such as Malkam simultaneously with mixed worship. He will remove all of the false religions and false worship of other gods from the earth, because these are the stumbling blocks that cause people to fall into sin. But he will also remove the priests and religious leaders of all the false religions, the people themselves in those religions who are stumbling blocks enticing people into sin.

In Zephaniah 1:15 we discover that this prophecy is also about the time of tsarah צָרָה, the time of tribulation, trouble, distress on the earth in the last days also spoken of in Isaiah 26 and Daniel 12 and Jeremiah 30 and by Yeshua in Matthew 24. It is during the time of the tribulation in the last days that Yahuweh/Yehovah is removing the stumbling blocks from the earth, both the physical, material objects that entice people into sinning, but also literally the ‘bad’ people, the people who are wrong, who also entice others to stumble into sin. And while the Beast of Babylon/Egypt and the Little Horn Pharaoh are bringing tribulation trouble on Yahuweh/Yehovah’s people by making them make bricks without straw unless they accept the mark of the beast, Yahuweh/Yehovah is bringing tribulation distress upon Babylon and upon all the inhabitants of the earth who take the mark of the beast and worship the beast. And Yahuweh/Yehovah ‘makes a sudden end’ of every single person inhabiting and living on the earth by the end of that time of tribulation.

But Zephaniah reveals how the removal of the stumbling blocks is a process that lasts throughout the tribulation until it is finished at the very end of the tribulation. In Zephaniah the removing of the people and material objects that are stumbling blocks happens throughout the tribulation, and is not completed until the very end of the tribulation in the same way that the final plague in Egypt of the removing of the firstborn from the earth through death did not come until the very end on the day that Yahuweh/Yehovah’s people Israel left Egypt. The removal of the stumbling blocks is very much like the plague of the removal of the firstborn, and those people on the earth who are stumbling blocks, causing others to fall into sin, will just be removed through death, primarily at the end of the tribulation.

Yeshua explains how this happens in parables in Matthew 13:36-50. Yeshua explains that the separating of the wheat from the tares, the wheat from the weeds, and the separating of the fish in the net, are both parables about how the messengers at the end of the world will be removing the wicked and the evil, the stumbling blocks, from the midst of the righteous, and separating them from each other. The wicked are the ones who are taken away from the righteous who are still left, and the wicked are burned in the fire.

These same words that Yeshua used about the messengers at the end of the world separating the evil and wicked from the righteous are spoken again by Yeshua in the original Hebrew of Matthew 24:41, showing more precisely how the stumbling blocks are removed from the earth during and at the end of the tribulation time. It says in the Hebrew of Matthew 24:40-41:

אז אם יהיו שנים חורשים בשדה אחד האחד צדיק ואחד רשע האחת ילכד והאחת יעזב

ושתים נשים טוחנות בטחון אחד האחת תלכד והאחת תעזב וזה

יהיה שהמלאכים בתכלית העולם יסירו המכשולים מהעולם ויפרידו הטובים מהרעים

“Then if there comes to be two ploughing in a certain field, the one righteous and the other evil, the one shall be seized and the other shall be left. And two women shall be grinding in a certain mill; the one shall be seized and the other shall be left. And this shall be because the messengers during the end of the world shall be taking away the stumbling blocks from the world, and they shall separate the good from the evil.”

Matthew 24:40-41 transcribed from the following manuscripts:

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Even Bochan, Shem Tov (17th century C.E. copy) Ms. 2426; Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York. https://primo-tc-na01.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1jhdiph/JTS_DIGITool231918

Even Bochan, Shem Tov (17th century C.E. copy) Ms. 2279; Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York. https://primo-tc-na01.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1jhdiph/JTS_DIGITool239401

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Even Bochan, Shem Tov (16th century C.E. copy) Vat. Ebr. 101; Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Vatican City. https://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Vat.ebr.101

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I know that one traditional interpretation for the two in the field and the two at the mill in Matthew 24 is that this refers to the rapture. But even in these corresponding verses in the Greek of Luke 17:34-37 Yeshua clearly says that these verses of one taken and one left have nothing to do with the rapture catching away. Yeshua says there in the Greek that the ones being taken away out of the field and out of the mill are the evil ones being judged and turned into dead corpses that the birds eat. And the original Hebrew of Matthew 24:40-41 preserved in the Shem Tov text is in perfect harmony with the Greek of Luke 17:34-37 and with Yeshua's words in Matthew 13:36-50 in both the Greek and Hebrew and the Hebrew of Zephaniah 1.

Yeshua says that there will be two ploughing in the field, one righteous and one evil, and one will be seized and the other left. There will be two women grinding at a mill, one righteous and one evil, and one will be seized and the other left. This is because the ones who are evil, who are the stumbling blocks on the earth, are being taken away from the earth by the messengers, through their deaths to be thrown into the fire, the fire in

Zephaniah that consumes all the earth. In Luke 17:37 the disciples asked Yeshua where those being taken out of the two in the field and the two in the mill are being taken to, and Yeshua answers that wherever there are dead bodies, the carrion feeding birds, the vultures, will be gathered there. He is saying that those being taken away are killed and their dead bodies are left for the birds. The stumbling blocks who are the people who are the evil and the wicked, those who love doing evil and love to entice others into doing evil with them, are removed out of the earth by their deaths, and the righteous are left untouched and unharmed, in the same way Yahuweh/Yehovah smote the firstborn in Egypt in the final plague.

The removal of the people who are the stumbling blocks could happen as a process throughout the tribulation, as the messengers separate out the wheat from the tares throughout the tribulation. But it is primarily at the end of the tribulation, at the very end when the removing of the stumbling blocks and the complete fulfillment of Zephaniah 1 and Matthew 13:36-50 and 24:40-41 takes place. It is not yet completely clear how much Yahuweh/Yehovah is removing the people who are the stumbling blocks from the earth as yet. But it is absolutely clear that Yahuweh/Yehovah has begun the process of the removing of the material stumbling blocks and sin enticements from the earth in Isaiah 57 and Zephaniah 1 through the COVID-19 plague. He is certainly beginning to remove those things, those idols, from people's lives that entice them to stumble and fall into sin and to forsake their love Yahuweh/Yehovah to instead love the world in a prostitution form of love for everything that the world promises to give but never delivers.

COVID-19 is causing the bars and nightclubs, the casinos and gambling places, the prostitution trafficking and pornographic film centers to all be shut down all over the world. These are all stumbling blocks that entice people to fall or stumble into sin. These stumbling blocks, at least for a while, are being removed. This is of course not the final fulfillment of Zephaniah 1 and Isaiah 57 when the stumbling blocks are permanently removed, but it is a beginning of the process as Yahuweh/Yehovah uses COVID-19 to mercifully stop people in their sin in order to save their eternal lives if possible. The nation of China is one of the primary consumers of the majority of the world's beer, and since COVID-19 began spreading in the nation the global beer sales have dropped enormously. It is not necessarily a sin to drink an alcoholic beverage, but it is a sin in Scripture to set up alcohol as an idol above Yahuweh/Yehovah and to become an alcoholic (Deuteronomy 21:18-21). For many an alcoholic beverage can become a stumbling block that causes them to fall into sin and Yahuweh/Yehovah is removing that stumbling block out of the way.

Things like sports and entertainment places like theaters and cinemas and late night TV shows are also shutting down and being canceled all over the world. The entertainment things like this are not necessarily sins, unless a person begins to worship any of these things, making them into idols and false gods before the face of Yahuweh/Yehovah, making them more important than spending time with Yahuweh/Yehovah. Then these things also become stumbling blocks for people that entice them to sin against Yahuweh/Yehovah, and these things Yahuweh/Yehovah is also removing all around the world with COVID-19.

There are also signs that Yahuweh/Yehovah is removing the stumbling blocks of false gospels around the world. About half of South Korea's confirmed 8,000 COVID-19 cases in mid-March were members of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus in Daegu. The leader of the Shincheonji Church Lee Man-hee claims to be Jesus Christ himself physically returned to the earth in his second coming, and it was one of his churches in Daegu

that was the hardest hit place of COVID-19 in South Korea so far. Yahuweh/Yehovah is dealing with and beginning to remove the stumbling block of the false gospel of the Shincheonji Church. During the 5.7 earthquake in Salt Lake City, Utah the trumpet in the mouth of the statue of the angel Moroni on top of the Salt Lake Mormon Temple fell to the ground, leaving Moroni without his trumpet. The angel Moroni is the one who Joseph Smith claimed appeared to him and told him where the tablets of the Book of Mormon were hidden. The Book of Mormon itself is claimed by Joseph Smith to have been mostly written by the man Moroni who later turned into an angel in heaven and gave Joseph Smith the religion of Mormonism.

In ancient Hebrew in Scripture when a trumpet or shofar is blown it is said in Hebrew to literally have a 'voice', that it is a voice that is heard when the trumpet or shofar sounds. Yahuweh/Yehovah removing the trumpet from the mouth of the false angel Moroni shows that he is literally removing Moroni's voice. Yahuweh/Yehovah is removing the voice of Moroni's false gospel in the Book of Mormon, and is beginning to remove the stumbling block of the false gospel of the Book of Mormon and its religion.

By helping people to stop their sinning with a virus, Yahuweh/Yehovah is being merciful to give people a chance to stop the sin in their lives by their own choice, so that he does not have to completely destroy them like Sodom and Gomorrah. Major judgments could still come to those nations who do not turn in repentance and heed Yahuweh/Yehovah's warning with COVID-19, but he is still giving the earth the opportunity in his mercy to turn around from their evil ways, toward seeking him and his righteousness.

Prophecy 3. Yahuweh/Yehovah is beginning the process of removing the stumbling blocks, the sin enticements, from the earth. He is beginning the process of fulfilling his prophecies in Isaiah 57 and Zephaniah 1 and Matthew 13 and 24. And that process of the fulfillment of these prophecies will continue until their final fulfillment at the end of the tribulation when Yeshua returns in the clouds.

The False Prophets of the Last Days Performing Signs and Wonders on a Level to Deceive Even the Chosen If Possible (Matthew 24:23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12):

Yeshua's warning and prophecy about false prophets in the last days in Matthew 24:23-24 specifically is having a surprising fulfillment with COVID-19. In Deuteronomy 12:32-13:4 says that Yahuweh/Yehovah tries the hearts of his people with false prophets who have prophecies that come true. The key is not whether or not the prophecy comes true, but whether or not the prophet is teaching people to obey the words of Yahuweh/Yehovah in Scripture or to follow after the worship and words of false gods against Scripture. But Yahuweh/Yehovah will empower prophecies to come true for even the false prophets in order to test people's hearts to see if they love him or only want their future told for selfish gain.

In Matthew 24:23-24 Yeshua warns that specifically during the time of tribulation in the last and final days right before his return that the false prophets would be allowed to have the power to try to 'if possible' deceive even the chosen of Yahuweh/Yehovah. It is a time unlike any before it when Yahuweh/Yehovah will send a delusion on the earth to test people's hearts, to find out who loves the truth (him) and who loves wickedness according to 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12. Sha'ul (Paul) says in these verses that the false prophets and false messiahs will be allowed to have great power in their signs and wonders to deceive many through delusion.

This strong deception through delusion Yahuweh/Yehovah allows specifically during the time of tribulation in the last days right before Yeshua returns. This is one of the major signs of living during the tribulation, that Yahuweh/Yehovah is allowing the false prophets to be empowered with strong deceptions to attempt to even deceive his chosen, his closest followers who have accepted Yeshua as the Messiah, with signs and wonders and prophecies that come true to lead astray Yahuweh/Yehovah's people.

In 2008 a medium psychic named Sylvia Browne wrote a book of prophecy, and one of her prophecies was that in 'about the year 2020' there would be a 'severe pneumonia-like illness' that attacks lungs and bronchial tubes with resistance against all treatment that would spread across the entire world. This part of her prophecy has come true almost exactly word for word, but she is teaching people to practice witchcraft and to turn away from Yahuweh/Yehovah. This is the most precise example I have ever seen of a false prophet, giving a prophecy that comes true but teaching people to worship false gods and practice witchcraft and divination, which is rebellion against Yahuweh/Yehovah (1 Samuel 15:23). Of course I am sure that in the rest of her book of 'prophecy' there are many prophecies that have not come true and have been false, but this prophecy that she gave about COVID-19 came true even to the year, and is enough to lead astray anyone who is not firmly grounded in a knowledge of the person of Yahuweh/Yehovah and his words in Scripture.

We are here at the delusions and strong deceptions of the false prophets in the last days; false prophets giving accurate and true prophecies to, if possible, deceive even the elect. Sylvia Browne died in 2013, but her book is still there with a prophecy that came true to lead people astray into witchcraft if they do not love the truth and love Yahuweh/Yehovah with all of their heart. We are in the time of last days and the tribulation when the false prophets are empowered and allowed by Yahuweh/Yehovah to give prophecies of great accuracy with strong delusions unlike anything seen in history up to now.

“This Book Published in 1981 Eerily ‘Predicts’ the Coronavirus Outbreak in 2020 & We’re Shook!” by Sheralyn Tan (February 17, 2020) *World of Buzz*

<https://www.worldofbuzz.com/this-book-published-in-1981-eerily-predicts-the-coronavirus-outbreak-in-2020-were-shook/>

Prophecy 4. The prophecy Yeshua gave in Matthew 24:23-24 and is repeated in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 of the time of the false prophets with strong, deceptive signs and prophecies to deceive the chosen of Yahuweh/Yehovah if possible during the time of tribulation are here and happening now. And it is even connected to COVID-19 with the prophecy about the virus coming true from a woman who is a false prophet leading people astray into the practice of witchcraft.

Exodus Plagues All Around the World:

A few examples of the plagues happening around the world:

“Huge Swarm of Locusts Descends on Mecca Leaving Worshippers Covered in Insects as Cleaners Battle to Control the Bugs at Islam's Holiest Site” by Tim Stickings (January 10, 2019) *Daily Mail*

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6577871/Huge-swarm-locusts-descends-Mecca.html>

“Hail Pounds Saudi Desert, Kills Cattle in Swaziland” by Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz (December 9, 2018) *Breaking Israel News*

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/118371/hail-pounds-saudi-desert-kills-cattle-in-swaziland/>

“South Korean River Turns Red After being Polluted with Pig’s Blood” (November 12, 2019) *BBC News*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-50384953>

“Deadly Earthquake in Turkey Turns Rivers Blood Red” by Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz (February 9, 2020) *Breaking Israel News*

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/144876/deadly-earthquake-in-turkey-turns-rivers-blood-red/>

At the very beginning of the below video from the secular British news program of Channel 4, the prophecy of Joel 1:4 is actually quoted, with a call for repentance, saying, “What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten. And what the hopping locust has left, the destroying locust has eaten. It is now time for people to repent. This is not normal.” And further on in the video they actually say, “As the locusts multiply, East Africa is now facing a problem of Biblical proportions. Divine intervention may be the only salvation.”

East Africa is Being Destroyed by a Huge Swarm of Locusts (Feb 13, 2020) Channel 4 News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dOD0LCa6Jg>

Plague Comparison March 2020

10 Plagues in Exodus with Corresponding Plagues in Revelation (Exodus 7:13-12:33) (Revelation 8:1-9:21; 16:1-21)	Plagues Happening on Earth Currently
<p>1. Waters Turned to Blood Second Trumpet: 1/3 of Seas/Oceans Turned to Blood Second Bowl: All Seas/Oceans Turned to Blood Third Bowl: Rivers and Fountains/Springs of Waters Turned to Blood</p>	<p>August 2017: River turns blood red in Indonesia</p> <p>December 2018: Multiple rivers turn blood red in Indonesia and Malawi</p> <p>November 2019: Rivers in South Korea turn to actual blood with the blood of the tens of thousands of slaughtered, infected pigs</p> <p>January 2020: Waters turn blood red in Turkey after 6.8 magnitude earthquake</p>
<p>2. Plague of Frogs Sixth Bowl: Frog Like Spirits Inside of the Mouths of the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet</p>	
<p>3. Plague of Gnats</p>	
<p>4. Plague of Flies</p>	
<p>5. Infectious Disease on Livestock</p>	<p>2017-Present: Outbreak of deadly bird flu among the chicken, duck, bird food source populations in China and Korea and southeast Asia</p> <p>2019-Present: Outbreak of deadly swine flu among the pig population in China and Korea and southeast Asia</p>
<p>6. Infectious Disease on Humans (Boils) First Bowl: Sores/Boils of Infectious Disease on Those with the Mark of the Beast</p>	<p>2019-Present: Covid 19 global pandemic</p>

<p>7. Hail and Fire First Trumpet: Hail and Fire Mixed with Blood Seventh Bowl: Giant Hail and Enormous Earthquake</p>	<p>December 2018: Hail and ice storm in Australia with lightning fire starting fires on the ground as the hail fell and large hailstorms that killed cattle and animals in South Africa and Saudi Arabia</p>
<p>8. Plague of Locusts Fifth Trumpet: Locusts from the Pit that Look Like Horses with Crowns on Their Heads, Faces Like Men, Hair Like Women, Tails Like Scorpions, etc.</p>	<p>January 2019: Swarms of Locusts at Mecca, Saudi Arabia 2019-Present: Swarms of hundreds of billions of locusts across East Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan), Middle East (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates), and southern Asia (Pakistan, India, China)</p>
<p>9. Thick Darkness for 3 Days and Nights Fourth Trumpet: 1/3 of Sun, Moon, Stars, Day, and Night Darkened Fifth Bowl: Darkness on All the Empire of the Beast</p>	<p>July 2018: 3 hours of darkness during midday in Siberia, Russia with the sun completely darkened by a covering of a dark cloud substance</p>
<p>10. Death of the Firstborn Sixth Trumpet: Death of 1/3 of Human Population</p>	

Note: None of the above plagues listed up to March 2020 that have happened thus far can as yet be considered complete or real fulfillments of any of the prophecies of plagues in Revelation, but they may be precursor signs beginning the process of fulfillment of the plagues in Revelation in the near future. If the plagues in Exodus are prophecies for the last days then the plagues happening on the earth now are certainly starting fulfillments of the prophecies of Exodus.