

BIBLE STUDY DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC

**WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PLAGUES AND
PANDEMICS?
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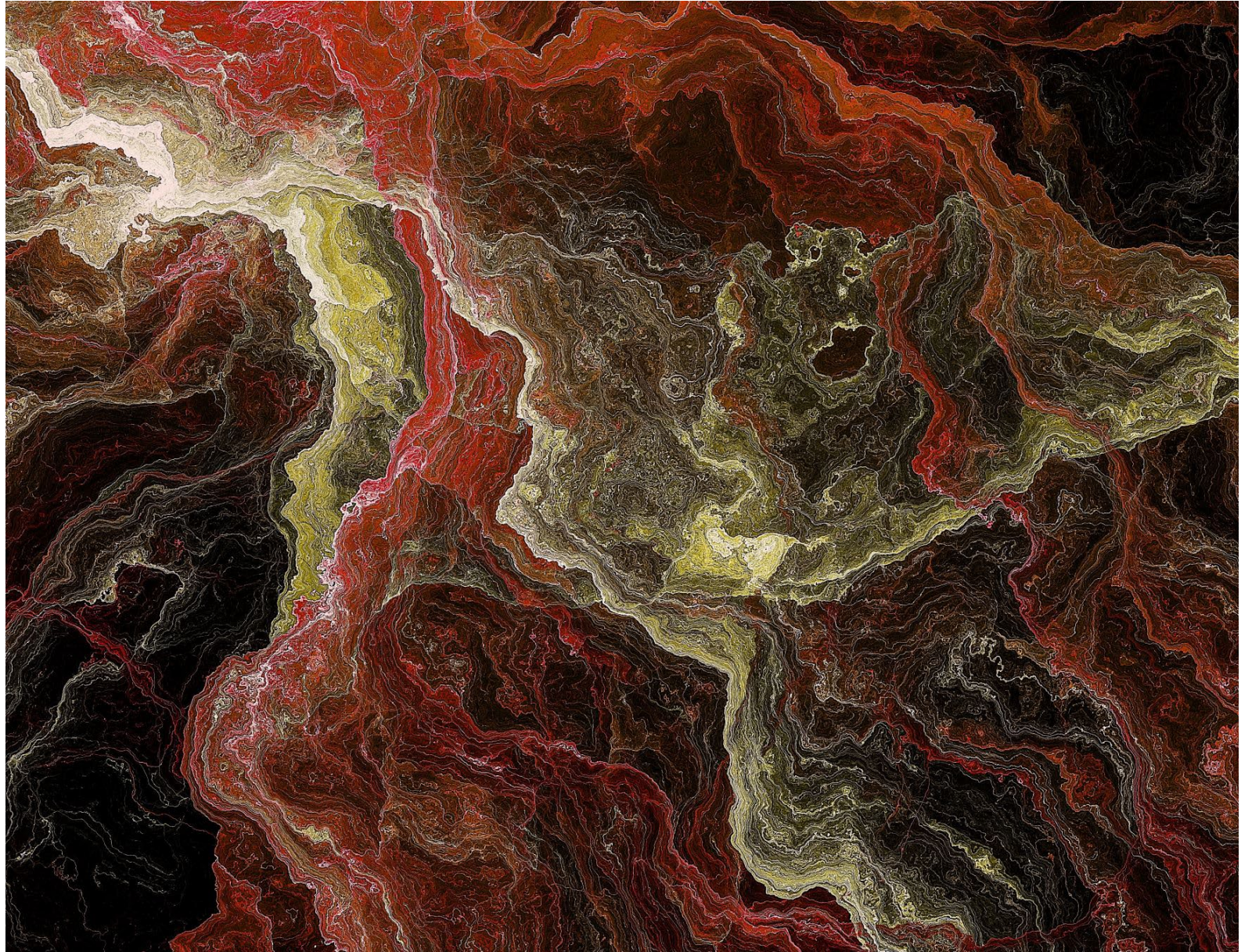
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- First Things First, we must realize that suffering and tribulation is a part of the human experience. We can't opt out of it.
- See, John 16:27-33



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- There are at least 7 reasons why God may allow plagues and pandemics:
 - To Accomplish His Purposes
 - To Teach Obedience
 - To Oppose Pride
 - To Abolish Idolatry
 - To Teach Gratitude
 - To Defend His Holiness
 - To Reveal His Power

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- Recap--To Accomplish His Purposes:
 - One purpose could be to deal with the condition of our hearts.
 - Pharaoh in Egypt had a hardened heart— God dealt with it by allowing 10 plagues.

- For the Egyptians, judgement came in the form of 10 plagues as a result of the hardness (condition) of Pharaoh's heart.
- However, God provided protection for the Israelites. Exodus 12:1-13.

THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT EXODUS 7-12

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| 1 |  | BLOOD (7:14-24)
The Nile, along with all of the water in Egypt, turns into blood. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go. | 6 |  | BOILS (9:8-12)
Festering boils break out on the Egyptians and their animals. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go. |
| 2 |  | FROGS (7:25 - 8:15)
Frogs cover the land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind. | 7 |  | HAIL (9:13-35)
Hail strikes down everything in the fields - humans, animals and trees. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness and promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind. |
| 3 |  | GNATS (8:16-19)
The dust turns to gnats, which cover the people and animals of Egypt. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go. | 8 |  | LOCUSTS (10:1-20)
Locusts devour every tree and plant in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness, but does not let the Israelites go. |
| 4 |  | FLIES (8:20-32)
Flies fill the houses and land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind. | 9 |  | DARKNESS (10:21-29)
Darkness covers the land of Egypt for three days. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind. |
| 5 |  | LIVESTOCK (9:1-7)
All of the livestock of the Egyptians die. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go. | 10 |  | FIRSTBORN (11:1-10; 12:29-32)
Every firstborn son and firstborn of the cattle in Egypt dies. Pharaoh finally lets the Israelites leave Egypt, only to change his mind and pursue them to the Red Sea. |

- Pandemics in:
- 1320- The Plague (Black Death)
- 1420- Plague Resurgence
- 1520- Smallpox (40% died in Mexico)
- 1620- Malaria, Bubonic, Yellow Fever
- For the future: Revelation 9:15-20
- So, ultimately God wants us all to come to a place of repentance. 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

