



BIBLE STUDY DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC

**WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PLAGUES AND
PANDEMICS?**

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GRATITUDE, PART 2

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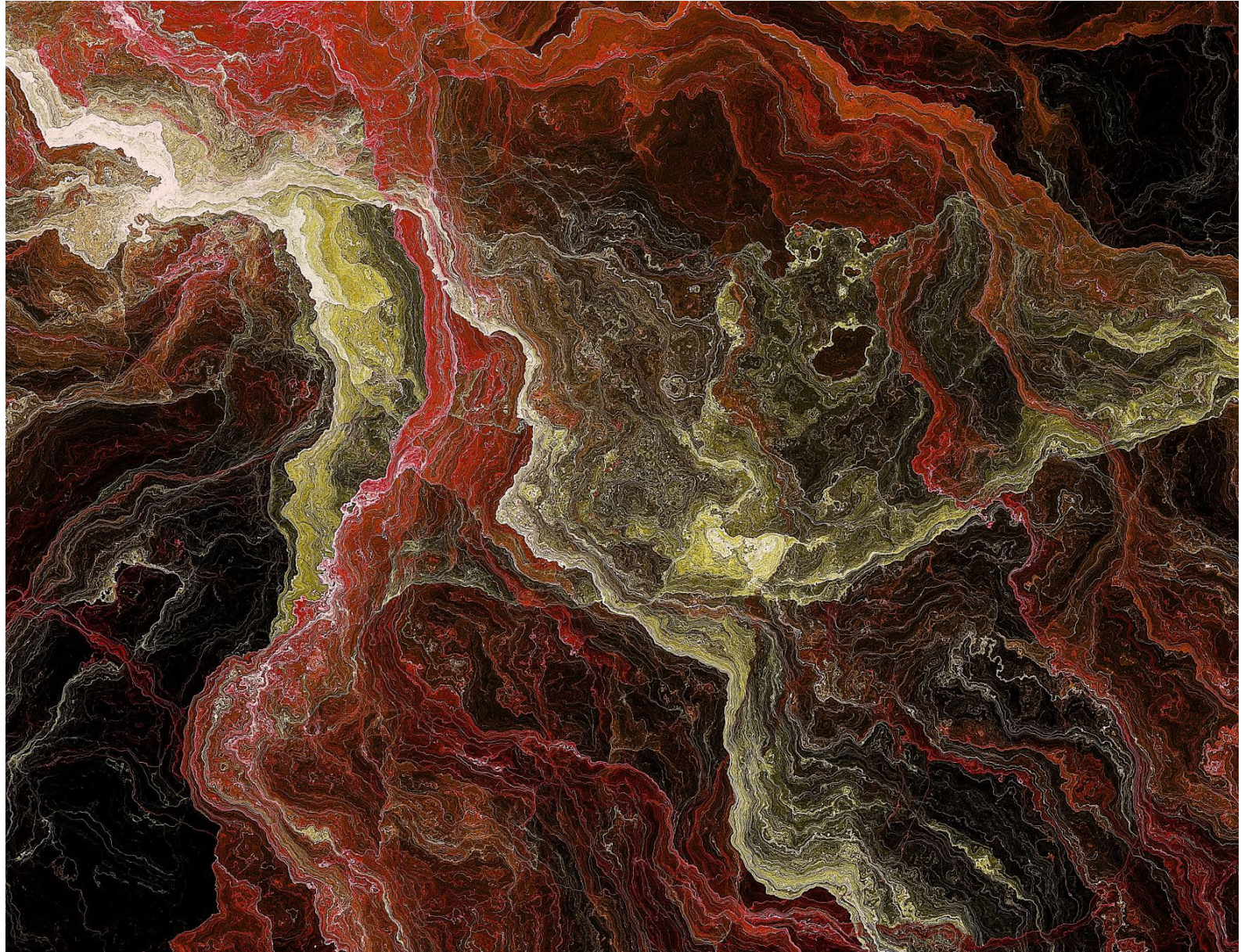


THERE ARE AT LEAST 7 REASONS WHY GOD MAY ALLOW PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS:

- 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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- Foundational Principles:
- God loves us—Heb 12:6-7
- Tribulation is imminent—John 16:33
- We have freewill choice, Genesis 2:15-17



WHAT IS GRATEFULNESS?

- Dictionary Definition: appreciation for benefits received.
- Benefits from God: Psalm 68:19; Psalm 103:2-14 (KJV)
- Biblical mandate for gratitude: Hebrews 12:25-29 (NASB); 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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- **Numbers 11**
 - **Complaint of hardship with consequences vv 1-3**
 - Note: murmuring and complaining is a matter of an ungrateful heart that does not please God. Hence, consequences follow. See, James 5:9 (NASB)
 - **Complaint of lack of flesh (meat): vv 4-6 (vv 7-9– what manna was like)**
 - Consequences: vv 10– God was not pleased; vv 18-23– Moses' instructions; vv 31-34– quail and the plague.

GOALS FOR US

-- GOAL 1: BE CONTENT (GREEK-TO BE POSSESSED OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH;TO WARD OFF)

- ALSO INFERS SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE- JOB 36:10-11 (VOICE AND CHOICE)
- THE VOICE IS THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT (ISAIAH 30:21) (JOHN 14:25-26)
- ALSO INFERS GRACE- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10 (ESV)
- HEBREWS 13:5-6 (NASB)
- 1 TIMOTHY 6:10 (KJV)
- PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13 (NASB)

--GOAL 2: MONITOR FLESHLY DESIRES

- 1 JOHN 2:15-17 (NLT)

-- GOAL 3: AVOID MURMURERS

- NUMBERS 11:4-6
- 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5

