



**BIBLE STUDY DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC**

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

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**PRIDE**

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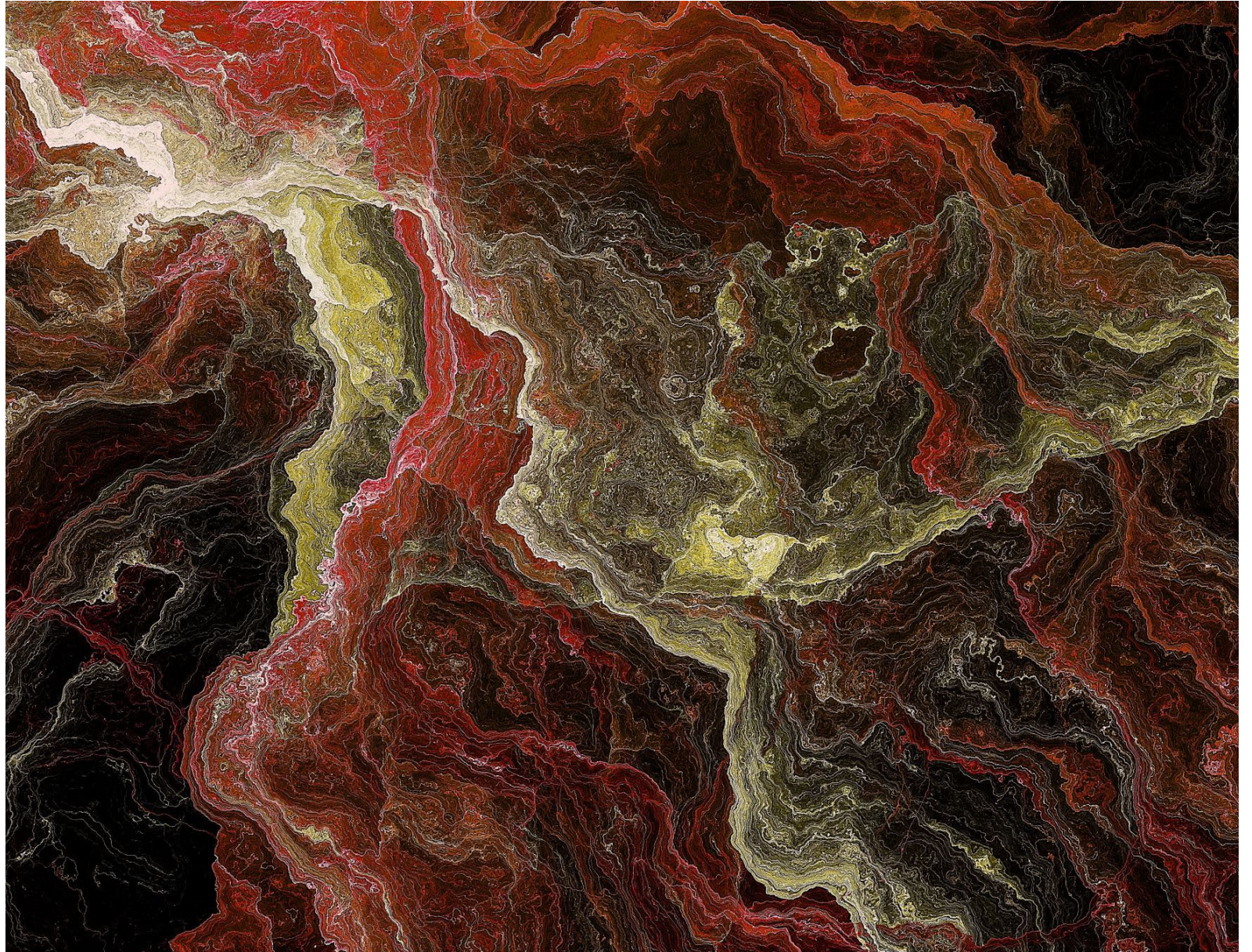
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**THERE ARE AT LEAST 7 REASONS WHY GOD MAY ALLOW PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS:**

- To Accomplish His Purposes
- To Teach Obedience
- **To Oppose Pride**
- To Abolish Idolatry
- To Teach Gratitude
- To Defend His Holiness
- To Reveal His Power

# WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS?

- Foundational Principles:
- God loves us
- Tribulation is imminent
- We have freewill choice, Genesis 2:15-17



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## WHAT IS PRIDE?

- Pride is a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in conduct.
- Whether craving compliments, or entertaining an overly critical view of ourselves, pride can be both glaringly obvious and deceptively sneaky.
- Pride is disobedience to God.
- For humankind, it started in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:1-5.

## EVIDENCE OF SUBTLE PRIDE

# KING DAVID- SELF-CENSUS

2 SAMUEL 24:1-4, 8-9

- **SUBTLE AND SNEAKY PRIDE BASED ON MOTIVES**
- David acted independently of God's sanction.
- He had wrongful motives with ambitions to force the people into military service, so that he could lay claim to a possible conquest.
- His eyes were not opened to the heinousness of his sin till God had spoken unto him by His commissioned prophet.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBTLE PRIDE

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### KING DAVID'S TROUBLED HEART

2 SAMUEL 24:10-11

-- ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRIDE IS CRITICAL BECAUSE IT SHORT CIRCUITS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF PRIDE.

-- DAVID MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT GOD HATES PRIDE AND THAT IT BRINGS CONSEQUENCES.

- JAMES 4:6-10
- PROVERB 16:5

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**PRIDE BRINGS  
CONSEQUENCES**

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**PROVERB 16:18-19**

**KING DAVID'S CONSEQUENCES**

**2 SAMUEL 24:12-15**

**-- CONSEQUENCES OFTEN IMPACT  
OTHERS (70,000 DIED BECAUSE OF  
PESTILENCE)**

**--OTHER EXAMPLE—JONAH 1:1-12**

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# THE CURE FOR PRIDE



**KING DAVID'S  
REPENTANCE AND  
INTERCESSION**

**2 SAMUEL 24:17-25**