



BIBLE STUDY DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC

**WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PLAGUES AND
PANDEMICS?
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TO REVEAL HIS POWER

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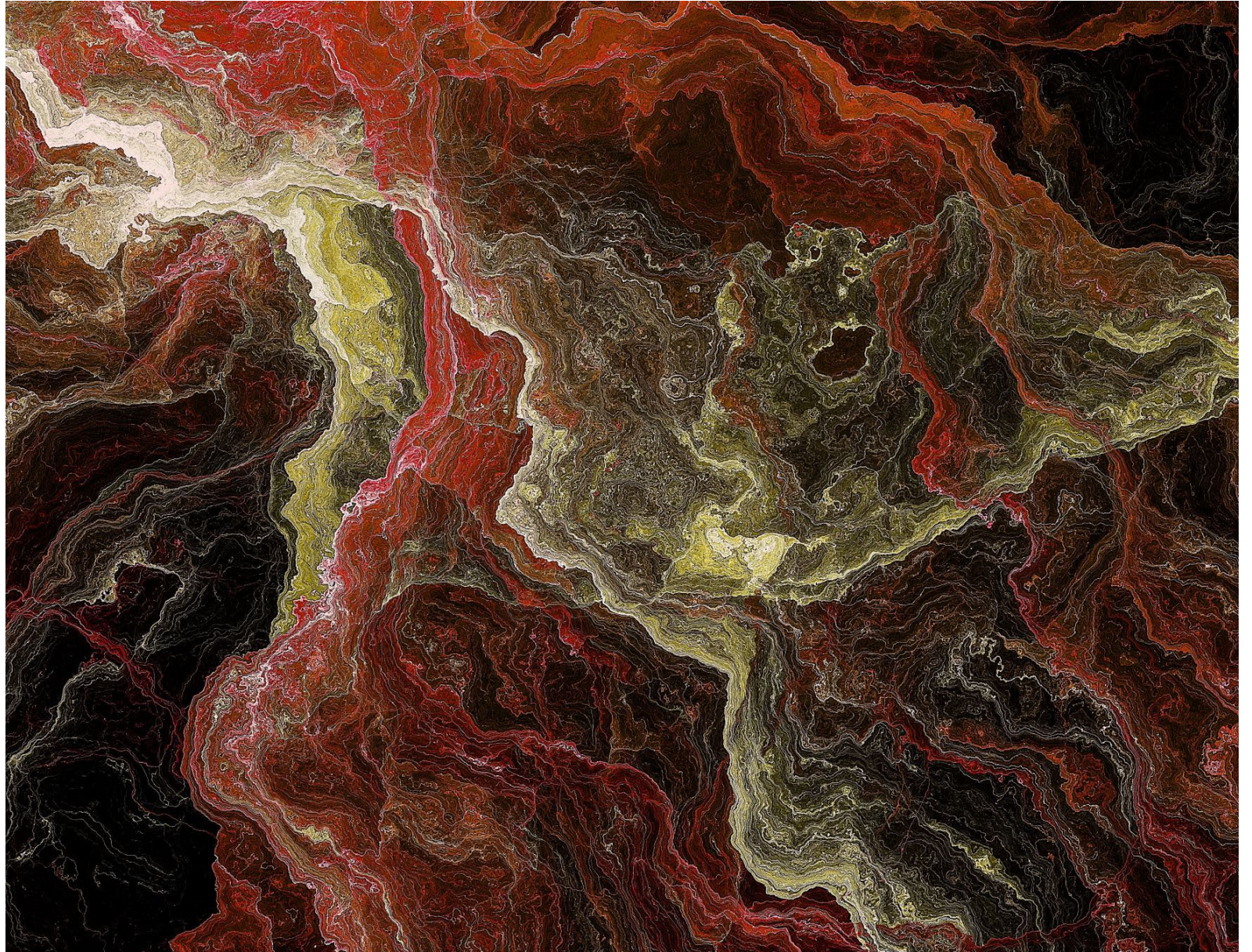


THERE ARE AT LEAST 7 REASONS WHY GOD MAY ALLOW PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS:

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



HOW AND WHY DOES GOD NEED TO REVEAL HIS POWER?

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- Because there is an enemy who is constantly trying to exert his “power” by infiltrating our human realities and by attacking our integrity.
 - Integrity: being upright, complete and whole; as doing the right thing; the right way; and at the right time which is at all times.
 - The devil can only do so by hijacking some “body” or through the creation of adverse circumstances.
 - Therefore, at times, God may allow the enemy to advance his initiative to exert his “power” only to be shown, in due season, that ultimately, he is powerless in comparison to God’s power.

EXAMPLE: THE STORY OF JOB

OUTLINE OF JOB

- **The Enemy's Attempt to Hijack Job's Life through Personal Plagues in order to Exert his "power"**
 - Job 1:6-12
 - 1st Hijack Attempt (Property and Children)– vv 13-22
 - 2nd Hijack Attempt (Job's Health)– Job 2:1-9
- **One of Job's Laments About His Condition-** Job 10:1-22
- **God's Statement of His Power-** Job 38:4-30
- **God's Manifestation of His Restorative Power-** Job 42:10-17
- **God's Institution of His Power in Us–** 2 Corinthians 4:6-18 (KJV)