

Who/what caused this?  
Why is this happening?  
What is our response?

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# Numbers 14

12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

# Deuteronomy 32

23 I will heap disasters upon them;  
I will spend My arrows against them.

24 They will be wasted from hunger  
and ravaged by pestilence and bitter  
plague;

I will send the fangs of wild beasts  
against them,  
with the venom of vipers that slither in  
the dust.

# Jeremiah 14

11 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for the well-being of this people.

12 Although they may fast, I will not listen to their cry; although they may offer burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Instead, I will finish them off by sword and famine and pestilence."

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# Isaiah 45

6...there is none but Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

7 I form the light and create the darkness;

I bring prosperity and create calamity.

I, the LORD, do all these things.

# Amos 3

6 If a ram's horn sounds in a city,  
do the people not tremble?

If calamity comes to a city, has not  
the LORD caused it?

# Job 2

9 Then Job's wife said to him, "Do you still retain your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 "You speak as a foolish woman speaks," he told her.

"Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

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# Deuteronomy 32

39 See now that I am He; there is no God besides Me.

I bring death and I give life;

I wound and I heal,

and there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

# Exodus 4

10 "Please, Lord," Moses replied, "I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since You have spoken to Your servant, for I am slow of speech and tongue."

11 And the LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth?

Or who makes him mute or deaf, sighted or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

12 Now go! I will help you as you speak, and I will teach you what to say."



# Job 14

1 Man, who is born of woman, is short of days and full of trouble.

2 Like a flower, he comes forth, then withers away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.

5 Since his days are determined and the number of his months is with You, and since You have set limits that he cannot exceed,

# Acts 17

24 The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made by human hands.

25 Nor is He served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

26 From one man He made every nation of men, to inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands.



# Psalm 139

13 For You formed my inmost being;  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be.

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# Isaiah 46

9 Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like Me.

10 I declare the end from the beginning, and ancient times from what is still to come.

I say, 'My purpose will stand, and all My good pleasure I will accomplish.'

11 I summon a bird of prey from the east, a man for My purpose from a far-off land.

Truly I have spoken, truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, I will surely do it.

Psalm 135: 5 For I know that the LORD is great;  
our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases Him in the  
heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all  
their depths.

Psalm 33: 10 The LORD frustrates the plans of  
the nations; He thwarts the devices of the  
peoples.

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the  
purposes of His heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the

# Ephesians 1

11 In Him we were also chosen as  
God's own,  
having been predestined according to  
the plan of Him who works out  
everything by the counsel of His will,



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All this is true in the OT as well as  
the NT

# Five Reasons Why God Would Bring About The Coronavirus

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1. To bring glory to Himself



# Exodus 9

13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning, stand before Pharaoh, and tell him that this is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: 'Let My people go, so that they may worship Me.

14 Otherwise, I will send all My plagues against you and your officials and your people,

so you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

# Exodus 9

15 For by this time I could have stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the earth.

16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power to you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

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1. To bring glory to Himself
2. To accomplish His eternal purposes
3. To cause men to fear Him

# Psalm 46

8 Come, see the works of the LORD,  
who brings devastation upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease throughout the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
He burns the shields in the fire.

10 "Be still and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted over the earth."

11 The LORD of Hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

# Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth take their stand  
and the rulers gather together,  
against the LORD  
and against His Anointed One:

3 "Let us break Their chains  
and cast away Their cords."

# Psalm 2

4 The One enthroned in heaven  
laughs;

the Lord taunts them.

5 Then He rebukes them in His  
anger,

and terrifies them in His fury:

6 "I have installed My King on Zion,  
upon My holy mountain."



# Psalm 2

7 I will proclaim the decree  
spoken to Me by the LORD:

"You are My Son;  
today I have become Your Father.

8 Ask Me, and I will make the nations Your  
inheritance,  
the ends of the earth Your possession.

9 You will break them with an iron scepter;  
You will shatter them like pottery. "

# Psalm 2

10 Therefore be wise, O kings;  
be admonished, O judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry  
and you perish in your rebellion,  
when His wrath ignites in an instant.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.



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4. As a judgement on sin

# Romans 3

9 What then? Are we any better? Not at all. For we have already made the charge that Jews and Greeks alike are all under sin. 10 As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one.

11 There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.

12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good, not even one."

# Romans 3

13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."

"The venom of vipers is on their lips."

14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and of bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 ruin and misery lie in their wake,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

## Luke 13

1 At that time some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 To this He replied, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered this fate?

3 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam collapsed on them: Do you think that they were more sinful than all the others living in Jerusalem?

5 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

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## 5. To purify His Church

- To humble us
- To expose our idols
- To test and strengthen our faith
- To unify and reveal the true church
- To remove the chaff
- To restore the joy of God's salvation



# How Should We Respond?

— Repent for sin and seek mercy —

Humbly petition the Lord in prayer (with thanksgiving)

Use this time to grow in your faith

Use this time to love and serve each other

Offer hope to a hopeless world (with the gospel message)

Trust in a SOVEREIGN GOD who loves you

# Romans 8

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.



## Romans 8

31 What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is there to condemn us? For Christ Jesus, who died, and more than that was raised to life, is at the right hand of God—and He is interceding for us.

## Romans 8

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” [Psalm 44:22]

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.