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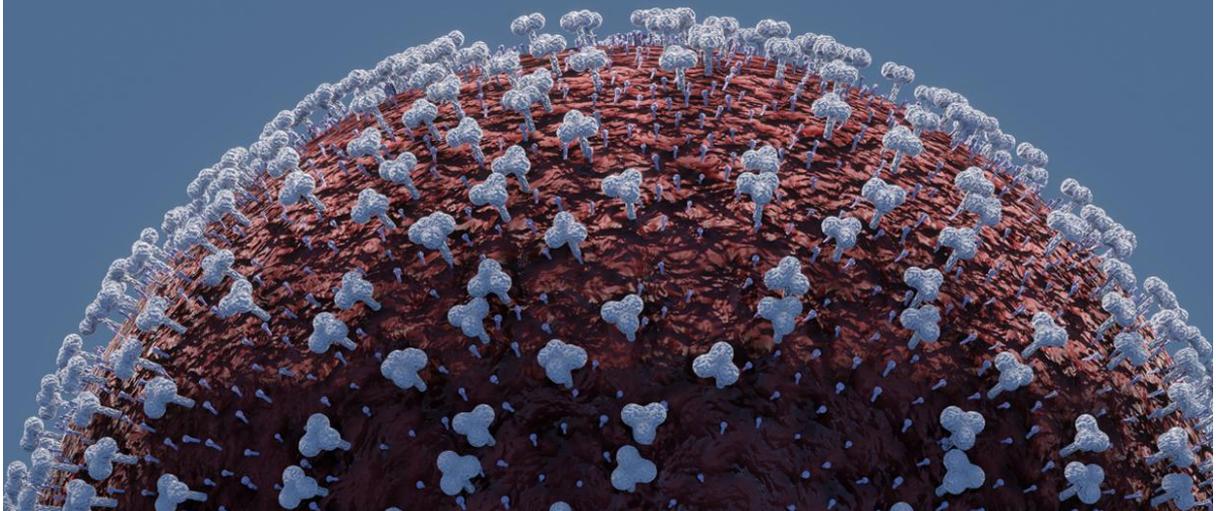
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The subject of COVID-19 needs no introduction. Terms such as 'Pandemic', 'Social Distancing', 'R-number', 'Epidemiology', 'Shielding', 'Lockdown' and so on, have all become part of our common vocabulary. Many aspects of our way of life have been altered and restricted, and we have been encouraged to embrace the so called 'New Normal'. We have been consistently bombarded with what a godless and fear stricken world has to say about this apparent global health emergency. However, despite the hysteria and panic, Christians who find themselves caught up in this world event would be wise to ask: **Does the Bible have anything to say on the subject of COVID-19?** This booklet has been written from a Christian perspective, and is designed to give you a broad range of answers in relation to a whole spectrum of issues related to the Coronavirus outbreak of 2019.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

### Establishing Truth

As Christians, we ought to **be careful** when listening to the world, for our 'news', 'facts', and explanation of things that are going on around us. We would do well to remember that it is the unbelieving world that teaches us the 'official statements' of the earth being millions of years old, that mankind evolved from monkeys, that marriage can be any combination that you want, and that it is a woman's right to murder her unborn child in the womb.

By default, the discerning Christian ought to have a **healthy scepticism** of what the world would tell them is true. The reality is that often we are daily fed a '**narrative**' (or storyline) of what is true by the various forms of media, and corrupt, ungodly, unbelieving government.

Secondly, we **should also be cautious** when listening to those we know (even fellow professing Christians) when it comes to events going on in the world, as often those around us merely **regurgitate** what they have heard from the world as well. This also applies to what we hear from many of our church pulpits, as many (perhaps sadly, the vast majority) of our church leaders today also follow the world's narrative of events, and so merely regurgitate to their congregations what they have learnt from the world.

In the light of this, one has to ask: **How can we ever know what the real facts are, or what really is true?** Here are three very simple steps when it comes to establishing truth.

Our **order of trust** should be as follows (in EVERY area of life):

1. **God / The Bible**: The Bible has the answer - always! (even on the subject of COVID-19 as we shall see).
2. **Self**: Our own senses / our God-given common sense. What we can actually see, hear, touch, taste, and test for ourselves firsthand.
3. **Others**: That includes friends, family, other professing Christians, media, government and so on.

Many people today, and sadly, many professing Christians have this principle in **reverse order**. They will **accept what the world (others) tell them**, even over and above their own senses. Worse than that, many professing Christians will never even think to check if the Bible has anything to say when it comes to subjects like COVID-19.

Dear Christian reader, when it comes to establishing truth, may you **always turn to the Bible first** (your sole authority in matters of faith and practice). It is my hope and prayer that you will be

amazed, and greatly encouraged as you read about what the Bible has to say concerning the subject of COVID-19. The Bible has the answer - ALWAYS!

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

### 1. Is COVID-19 a judgment from God?

This is a question that many Christians, and non-Christians have been asking in recent times. A clear answer can be achieved by demonstrating some plain truths taught in Scripture.

**A. God is in control of all the nations of the earth.** Many believers today get themselves fixated on the nation of Israel. It is true, the Bible speaks of that nation the most often, but we would be unwise to miss the fact that God takes an interest, and is actively involved in, the rising up and bringing down of all the nations of the earth (throughout human history).

**"He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again" (Job 12:23).**

"Happy is that **people**, that is in such a case: yea, **happy is that people, whose God is the LORD**" (Psalm 144:15).

"Righteousness **exalteth** a nation: but **sin** is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

The Bible teaches that any nation that seeks to honour Him will be blessed, and any nation that turns their back on Him will be punished and ultimately destroyed.

**B. In the light of God being in control of all the nations of the earth, God often punishes unrighteous nations by sending pestilence and disease (as well as other judgments).**

We can get an idea of the way God judges a nation, by considering how the Lord punished the ancient nation of Israel when they strayed from the commandments of God. **Israel was judged by the Lord multiple times, always in the same way. Deuteronomy 28 describes this in great detail:** (Some [*inserted*] comments in with the text of Scripture)

"1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

**15.** But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt **not hearken** unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that **all these curses shall come upon thee**, and overtake thee.

16. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [*Economic / food production*]

17. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [*barrenness amongst the people, animals, and crops*].

21. The LORD shall make the **pestilence** [*disease*] cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a **fever**, and with an **inflammation**, and with an **extreme burning**, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. [*a lot of talk here about pestilence*].

25. The LORD shall cause thee to **be smitten before thine enemies** [*costly wars*]: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26. And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

27. The LORD will **smite thee with the botch of Egypt**, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, **whereof thou canst not be healed** [*rise of incurable diseases*].

28. The LORD shall smite thee with madness [*rise of mental health problems*], and blindness, and astonishment of heart [*fear/anxiety*]:

29. And thou shalt grope at noontide, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

30. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and **another man shall lie with her** [*rise of adultery/cheating*]: thou shalt build an house, and **thou shalt not dwell therein** [*loss of private property and inheritance, rise of 'rent culture'*]: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31. Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be **violently taken away** from before thy face [*rise of violent crime/theft/burglary*], and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.

33. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, **shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up** [*national wealth falling into the hands of other nations / economy being bought up by foreign companies*]; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away.

36. The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, **unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known** [*foreign control*]; and there shalt thou serve **other gods**, wood and stone [*rise of idolatry in the land / invasion of false religions*]

43. The **stranger** [*immigrant*] that is within thee shall **get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low** [*domination of ethnic minority groups*]

44. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45. Moreover all these **curse**s shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, **till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:**

59. Then the LORD will make thy **plagues** wonderful, and the **plagues** of thy seed, even great **plagues**, and of **long continuance**, and **sore sicknesses**, and of long continuance [*plagues / pandemics that last for a long time*].

60. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the **diseases** of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee [*diseases coming in from other countries*].

61. Also **every sickness**, and **every plague** [*Increase in different types of disease*], which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

62. And ye shall be left **few in number** [*Original population shrinks and declines*], whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

63. And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you [*Civilisation collapses and breaks up*], and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.  
64. And the LORD shall **scatter thee** among all people."

Verse 64 describes the final end of a nation that rejects the true God - **scattered** and destroyed! This is the ultimate price a nation pays for its continued rebellion against God and His truth. Dear reader, can you see the parallels between the passage here in Deuteronomy 28 and the state of the United Kingdom at this current time? The similarities are striking! Truly there is nothing new under the sun. When a nation rejects the Lord, its downward spiral always follows the same descent into sin, judgment and ultimate annihilation. Study any of the civilisations of the past and you will find the same pattern in the history of their rise and fall.

"The **wicked** shall be turned into hell, **and all the nations that forget God.**" (Psalm 9:17).

### C. Certain sins provoke the Lord to anger and incur His Judgments more than others.

Some teach that **all** sin in God's sight is equal; that stealing something minor is the same as murder. This is simply not the case.

**Leviticus chapter 18 describes in detail exactly what sins provoke the Lord to anger and bring about His righteous judgments:** (Some [*inserted*] comments in with the text of Scripture)

"3. After the doings of the land of **Egypt**, wherein ye dwelt, **shall ye not do**: and after the doings of the land of **Canaan**, whither I bring you, **shall ye not do**: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances."

The passage then lists a lot of sins to do with 'nakedness' and perversion, then continues,

"20. Moreover thou shalt not **lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife**, to defile thyself with her [*breakdown of marriage*].

21. And thou shalt not let any of thy **seed pass through the fire to Molech** [*child sacrifice / killing of children*], neither shalt thou **profane** the name of thy God: I am the LORD [*mockery of God*].

22. Thou shalt **not lie with mankind, as with womankind**: it is abomination [*sodomy / LGBT*].

**24. Defile** not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are **defiled** which I cast out before you:

25. And **the land is defiled**: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself **vomiteth out her inhabitants**.

26. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these **abominations**; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger [*immigrant*] that sojourneth among you:

27. (For all these **abominations** have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is **defiled**;)

28. That the land **spue** not you out also, when ye **defile** it, as it **spued** out the nations that were before you.

29. For whosoever shall commit any of these **abominations**, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30. Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these **abominable customs**, which were committed before you, and that ye **defile** not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God."

What angers the Lord above other sins? Leviticus 18 tells us: **Perversion, marriage breakdown, child killing (abortion), idolatry/false religion, and sodomy (homosexuality)**. And **what sins have been on the rise in the UK and indeed the entire world in recent years?** Perversion, marriage breakdown, **abortion**, idolatry/false religion, and **homosexuality!** This almost global acceptance, and even promotion of these specific sins has brought about a global judgment from the God Who never changes.

"I am the LORD, I change not." (Malachi 3:6)

Summary:

### **Is the Coronavirus Pandemic a judgment from God?**

- A. God lifts up and puts down the nations of the World.
- B. He punishes nations by sending pestilence and disease (amongst other things).
- C. The sins of perversion, marriage breakdown, **abortion**, idolatry/false religion, and **sodomy** in particular provoke the judgment of God.

Therefore the answer to the question is 'yes', surely COVID-19 is God's judgment upon our land, and indeed the whole world! May it be in the days ahead that the United Kingdom, and the other nations seek the true and living God, plead His mercy, petition for the removal of His judgment, and confess and forsake these wicked evils that have provoked His wrath in the first place.

## **2. The origins of the COVID-19 Coronavirus**

Where COVID-19 originated from we may never know. However, for a moment, let us presume that the official story regarding the origins of the COVID-19 coronavirus is based on truth. However, before we come to consider the official narrative of events, let us first consider and pay close attention to the following passages of Old Testament Scripture; for it seems that the Bible would even shed some light on how this modern virus came to be in the first place.

In Deuteronomy 14 we find God speaking to the Israelites regarding which foods should and should not be eaten (Some [inserted] comments in with the text of Scripture):

- "3. Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.
- 4. These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
- 5. The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg [*white antelope*], and the wild ox, and the chamois [*goat-antelope*].
- 6. And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.
- 7. Nevertheless these ye shall **not eat** of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney [*rabbit*]: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.
- 8. And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, **nor touch their dead carcase**.
- 9. These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:
- 10. And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you. [*shellfish etc*]

11. Of all clean birds ye shall eat.
12. But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,
13. And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind [*all these are birds of prey / carrion eaters*],
14. And every raven after his kind,
15. And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,
16. The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,
17. And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,
18. And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the **bat**.
19. And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.
20. But of all clean fowls ye may eat."

Here God advises **on clean and unclean animals** for the Israelite's consumption. To be clear, these Old Testament restrictions have been lifted and are now obsolete as revealed to us in the New Testament (see: Acts 10:9-16). So if for example a Christian has a taste for eating Coney (Rabbit), shellfish, or even Vulture then they are free to do so. However, despite the nullification of the Old Testament guidance on meats, the advice that is given is **still good advice!** For example, consuming carrion eating birds such as Vultures, Eagles and Ravens is not good for you. (It is interesting to note that those **who mock** the dietary restrictions given in the Bible don't eat eagles, vultures and Ravens; they eat Beef, Chicken and Turkey; the clean animals that God recommends.)

Having considered the many types of animals God declared fit or unfit for human consumption, let us next think about the principle taught in **Leviticus 19:19**: "Ye shall keep my statutes. **Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind**: thou shalt not sow thy field with **mingled seed**: neither shall a **garment mingled of linen and woollen** come upon thee." In this passage God is commanding the Israelites to prevent the different types of animals under their care from breeding (or attempting to breed) with one another. Logically then we can presume that to stop the gendering (breeding) between different kinds of animals the Israelites would have needed to **keep the different animal types separate from each other**. (This presumption is further supported by the verse talking about preventing seed and garment fibres from being mixed also.) We for the most part see this principle in our culture today (i.e. sheep in one field, and cows in another). Interestingly the same rule of keeping things separate also applied to clothes and crops (a principle which can be applied when considering the ethics of Genetically Modified Foods).

In the passages we have just considered, we have discovered how the Bible lists certain animals that were clean or unclean to eat, and secondly, the ruling against different types of animals gendering/mixing with each other. With this in mind I quote from an animated video clip entitled: 'How wildlife trade is linked to coronavirus' (from the YouTube Channel, Vox, March 2020), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPpoJGYIW54>

"It was New Years Eve, 2019 when health officials in China admitted they had a problem. A rapidly growing number of people were developing a dry cough and fever, before getting pneumonia. And for some it turned fatal. Doctors have named the disease COVID-19 or 'Coronavirus Disease, 2019' indicating that a type of virus is causing the illness.

When they tried to trace its origin, they found a likely source: The **Huanan Food Market, Wuhan, China**. Out of the first 41 patients, 27 had been here. It wasn't conclusive evidence, but Chinese officials quickly shut down the market. They had seen this happen before at a place just like this. In 2002, a coronavirus [**SARS**] had emerged at a very similar market in southern China. It eventually reached 29 countries and killed nearly 800 people. Now, 18 years later this corona virus is in at least 71 countries and has already killed over 3100 people [this YouTube video was published back in

March, 2020 so recorded deaths are a lot lower]. **So what do these markets have to do with the coronavirus outbreak, and why is it happening in China?**

A lot of the viruses that make us sick **actually originate in animals**. Some of the viruses that cause the flu come from birds and pigs. HIV / Aids comes from Chimpanzees. The deadly Ebola virus likely originates in **bats**. And in the case of the 2019 coronavirus, there is some evidence **it went from a bat** to a pangolin [scaly anteater] before infecting a human.

While viruses are very good at jumping between species, it's rare for a deadly one to make this journey all the way to humans. That's because it would need all these hosts to encounter each other at some point. That's where the Wuhan Market comes in. It's a wet-market. A kind of place where live animals are slaughtered and sold for consumption.

(The clip then quotes from Peter Li, Associate Professor, University of Houston-Downtown [expert on China's animal trade]): "It was not [a] surprise at all. And I think it was not a surprise to many scientists. The cages are stacked one over another. Animals at the bottom are often soaked with all kinds of liquid: animal excrement, pus, blood. Whatever the liquid they are receiving from the animals above."

That's exactly how a virus can **jump from one animal to another**. If that animal then **comes in contact with or is consumed by a human**, the virus could potentially infect them. And if the virus then spreads to other humans it causes an outbreak.

Wet-markets are scattered all over the world, but the ones in China are particularly well known because they offer a **wide variety of animals, including wildlife**. [Video shows an animal menu] This is a sample menu, reportedly from the Market in Wuhan [mostly showing Biblically unclean animals]. These animals are from all over the world and each one has the potential to carry its own viruses to the market.

The reason all these animals are in the same market is because of a decision China's government made decades ago. Back in the 1970s, China was falling apart. Famine had killed more than 36 million people. And the **Communist** regime, which controlled all food production, was failing to feed its more than 900 million people. In 1978, on the verge of collapse, the regime gave up this control and allowed private farming. While large companies increasingly dominated the production of popular foods like pork and poultry, some smaller farmers turned to catching and raising wild animals as a way to sustain themselves. And since it started to feed and sustain people, the Chinese government backed it...and with that an industry was born. [Now with government backing, as the industry grew] bigger populations [of animals] meant greater chances that a sick animal could spread disease.

Farmers were also raising a **wide variety of animals** which meant more viruses on the farms. Nonetheless, these animals were funnelled into the wet-markets for profit. While this legal wildlife farming industry started booming, it simultaneously provided cover for an illegal wildlife industry. Endangered animals like tigers, rhinos, and pangolins were trafficked into China. By the early 2000's, these markets were **teeming with wild animals** when the inevitable happened.

In 2003 the **SARS** outbreak was traced to a wet-market [in Foshan, Guangdong Province], in southern China. Scientists found traces of the virus in farmed civet cats. Chinese officials quickly shut down the markets and banned wildlife farming. But just a few months after the outbreak, the Chinese government declared 54 species of wildlife animals, including civet cats, legal to farm again.

Soon after the COVID-19 outbreak, the Chinese government shut down thousands of wet-markets and temporarily banned wildlife trade again. Organizations around the world have been urging China to make the ban permanent. [Unless something changes], outbreaks like this one [COVID-19] are bound to happen again."

**Summary:**

If only the God-hating Communist China of the 1970s had followed God's instructions for animal consumption and for cleanliness, then perhaps the COVID-19 pandemic would never have happened! Could it be that China's culture of eating biblically unclean animals, and allowing these unclean animals to mingle in the filthy 'Wet Markets' resulted in the animal to human contact that enabled the outbreak? This is certainly possible, if the official story is indeed true. And if the story is true, it certainly vindicates the Bible's strict food laws, that have in the past, been mocked by so many Bible sceptics and haters of God. Regarding God's Law, the Bible says, "...his commandments are **not grievous**"(1 John 5:3). God gave His dietary regulations to the Israelites not to make their lives more difficult, but rather to protect them from potentially lethal viruses jumping from one animal to the next, and then eventually to humans. As already made clear, these Old Testament restrictions are no longer binding, but surely governments would be wise to consider the wisdom contained within them.



Picture: bats, dogs, rats, and reptiles on sale in Asian Market, March 2020.

### 3: Biblical Principles for Disease Prevention

When it comes to disease control, the Christian is faced with two options. Either God has left His people in the dark concerning what to do in times of plague, and therefore believers are merely left to figure out for themselves what to do. Or, God has given His people a clear set of **guidelines and principles, outlined in Scripture**. The aim of this chapter, is to prove the latter to be true.

We have heard much in recent times about all that we should and should not be doing in order to protect ourselves and others from the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Here, in this chapter, we consider what guidelines the Bible gives for the prevention and containment of infectious disease. (Some [inserted] comments in with the text of Scripture). At the end of each section, we shall then apply the teachings of Scripture to government advice concerning COVID-19 noting where it agrees and differs.

#### A. Separation & Washings

**Leviticus 11 teaches** strict guidelines regarding contact with unclean animals (the potential carriers of highly contagious viruses etc):

"24. And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever **toucheth** the carcase of them shall be **unclean until the even** [*evening time*].

25. And whosoever beareth ought of the carcase of them shall **wash his clothes**, and be unclean until the even [*evening time*].

26. The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that **toucheth** them shall be unclean.

27. And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whoso **toucheth their carcase** shall be unclean until the even.

28. And he that **beareth the carcase** of them shall **wash his clothes**, and be unclean **until the even**: they are unclean unto you."

Here we see the Israelites were given very strict and particular commands by God when it came to dealing with potentially infected items. Without modern testing, and powerful sanitising products, strict precautions to help stop the initial spread of disease was one of the Israelites best defences against potential outbreaks. The passage goes on to say,

"**32.** And upon whatsoever any of them, **when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean**; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, **it must be put into water**, and it shall be **unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.**"

33. "And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall **break it**.

34. Of all **meat which may be eaten**, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean."

'So shall it be cleansed.' How was this achieved? By washing, and then the hanging out to dry of items. Notice that the washed item was to be hung out (presumably in the hot desert sun) all day 'until even' (until the evening time). Interestingly, modern science tells us, "UV radiation from the sun is the primary germicide in the environment... Sunlight or, more specifically, solar UV radiation (UV) acts as the principal natural virucide in the environment. UV radiation kills viruses by chemically modifying their genetic material, DNA and RNA."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1280232/>

## **APPLICATION of the Biblical guidelines:**

Government advice to **regularly wash our hands** during an outbreak is good advice. Also, because the Bible points strongly towards physical washing with water as a means of cleansing, we should choose to wash our hands over and above using sanitizer if possible (washing because it separates that which is unclean from us, rather than sanitizer which merely sterilises, leaving the uncleanness behind).

The Bible indicates that disease is spread by contaminated people/animals/objects **touching** other objects. Therefore, **cleaning surfaces** such as door handles, shopping trolleys, petrol pumps and so on, as has been advised to do is also good advice.

The Bible indicates that **outdoors in the sun** is where cleansing from disease can take place because of the destructive effects the outside elements (such as direct sunlight) can have on viruses and bacteria. Therefore outdoors is safer than indoors when it comes to infectious disease such as viruses. Government advice to open windows and allow the flow of fresh air into rooms is good advice! Science tells us that viruses are more likely to spread indoors in the air, by touching contaminated surfaces, and by close contact with infected people. Outdoors in the open air this is less likely, and as mentioned earlier sunlight kills viruses.

## **B. Quarantine:**

Leviticus 13 goes into great detail on how the Israelites were to diagnose and isolate the (potentially deadly and highly contagious) disease of leprosy; a disease which plagued the peoples of the ancient world for thousands of years, and today continues to infect thousands of people each year.

"1. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,  
2. When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of **leprosy**; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:  
3. And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and **pronounce him unclean**.  
4. If the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; **then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague seven days**:  
5. And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague in his sight be at a stay, and the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up **seven days more**:  
6. And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall **pronounce him clean**: it is but a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean."

Here the Bible teaches 14 day quarantine (7 days [verse 4]+7 days [verse 5] =14 days.) Therefore the 14 days quarantine modern science teaches us is entirely biblical! However, notice something in the passage - **who** is being quarantined? It was the leper (**the one who was sick**). And how was it to be determined if the person had the disease? It was confirmed by a careful examination of **symptoms** (verse 2 onwards). Therefore, the Biblically based 14 day quarantine was **NOT for healthy people**, it was only to be imposed on those who demonstrated clear symptoms of the disease. Notice in the passage, the words 'leprosy' and 'plague' are used interchangeably. Some argue that Leviticus 13 deals ONLY with leprosy, and should therefore not be considered when it comes to the containment of other diseases. But the fact remains, leprosy was a highly contagious disease, and so we as Christians are left with the choice that either God only provided guidelines to His people (back then

and today) for leprosy ONLY, or, the guidelines given in Leviticus 13 (and 14) were a template to be used in the containment of ALL highly contagious disease, therefore including the COVID-19 pandemic of today.

For further research into the disease of Leprosy:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leprosy>

(This article makes very interesting reading. Leprosy is a bacterial infection, spread by prolonged contact with someone who is infected. "Spread is thought to occur through a cough or contact with fluid from the nose of a person infected by leprosy").

#### **APPLICATION of the Biblical guidelines:**

For those with **symptoms** of disease, the Levitical 14 day quarantine is biblical. In fact, as a general principle for the health and protection of others, it is good practice to isolate from others if unwell with a disease that could potentially endanger the life of someone else (for example Chicken Pox can endanger pregnant women, and the Flu poses a risk to the elderly and those with underlying health conditions). The same code of conduct would also help prevent the needless spread of less dangerous ailments, for example, a child up all night with the stomach bug should not be sent into school the next day! Personal responsibility, and biblical 'self isolation' (if someone has symptoms) is a powerful way of reducing the spread of disease.

However, the national **Lockdown of healthy people** who have no symptoms of disease (including the forced closure of places of employment, business, education, travel, etc) is **NOT biblical!** Also the 14 day quarantine for **healthy people with no symptoms** (such as returning from travel), is NOT Biblical either! Therefore, the UK government, along with most of the world's governments, has been wrong to force their populations into nationwide lockdowns. It is to treat the whole nation **as if it were sick**, instead of targeting **only those who are actually ill** as the Bible teaches. The national lockdown of healthy people goes **above and beyond** the guidelines in Scripture, a mistake which has had, and will continue to have dire consequences for the nations in the days ahead.

Ignoring God's Word always comes at a cost. In attempting to save lives by limiting the spread of the virus and instituting national lockdowns, the 'cure' it seems will end up causing more harm than the disease.

Personal liberties have been **stolen on a scale not seen for hundreds of years**, and in the days ahead there will be a grim upsurge of **avoidable deaths - not caused by COVID-19, but by the failure to diagnose and treat those suffering from all the other deadly diseases that kill tens of thousands every year in the UK (e.g. cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc)**. **The UK now faces a degree of economic damage genuinely comparable with the costs of a major war** and the worst financial recession seen in over three hundred years. National lockdowns have bankrupted thousands of businesses of all sizes, and the massive surge in unemployment and lockdown imposed poverty, has caused rates of depression, anxiety, domestic violence, and suicides to sharply increase. We may witness in the years ahead, the ruin of a generation - all because the UK government, in its blinded godless 'wisdom', has ignored the guidelines concerning quarantine contained in the Word of God.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/coronavirus-lockdown-suicide-mental-health-nhs-boris-johnson-a9594091.html>

### C. Precautionary Quarantine:

In Numbers 19 we read:

"11. He that **toucheth** the dead body of any man shall be **unclean seven days**.

12. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13. Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14. This is the law, **when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days**.

15. And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16. And whosoever **toucheth** one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a **bone** of a man, or a **grave**, shall be unclean seven days."

As mentioned earlier, the Israelites had no access to powerful sanitising products, so for those who found themselves in close proximity to persons or items deemed unclean, a seven day precautionary quarantine was applied. With this precaution in place, the 7 days would provide a window of observation to see if any symptoms began to appear. This measure formed a second layer of protection to help prevent infectious disease. What is interesting to note, is that COVID-19 symptoms begin to manifest in an infected individual 4-5 days after infection, perfectly within the seven day precautionary quarantine the Bible teaches.

Some may argue the case that these Old Testament passages are purely ceremonial laws and have nothing to do with disease control. No doubt there was some ceremony involved, but were they exclusively for ceremonial purposes? Numbers 5:2-3 reads: "Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: 3. Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell." Notice the three categories for those who were to be 'put out of the camp' - 1. Lepers, 2. Those who had an issue of blood, 3. Those who had been in contact with dead bodies. Was this purely for ceremonial reasons? Or was God in His wisdom giving life-saving guidelines to protect the Israelites from deadly disease and infection?

### APPLICATION of the Biblical guidelines:

For those in direct contact with individuals showing symptoms of disease such as COVID-19 the Bible would point to a 7 day precautionary quarantine. Notice though in the passage, who it was that had to take the 7 day precautionary quarantine? Only those in direct contact with those who were sick (confirmed by symptoms). Therefore the government order to lockdown ALL individuals via a national lockdown is not biblical. The precautionary quarantine taught in scripture was ONLY for those in direct contact and exposure to diseased individuals.

### D. Face Masks & Social Distancing

In Leviticus 13 verse 45 we read,

"And the leper in whom the plague is, his **clothes shall be rent**, and his head bare, and he shall put a **covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.**"

46. All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall **dwelt alone; without the camp** shall his habitation be."

Yes, face masks are in the Bible! The Bible is fully up-to-date, even when it comes to such a 'modern' method for disease control. There is currently a debate as to the effectiveness of face masks when it comes to reducing the spread of coronaviruses. Some will point to evidence saying masks are totally useless, whilst others show evidence that they are effective. At a minimum, masks do work to some degree. On a clear, cold winter's day breathe out in the open air and see your breath blow out a few metres away from you wafting in the wind. Then do the same thing again wearing a mask. You will see the flow of vapour is restricted to some degree. Secondly, we should consider the fact that if masks were completely useless then why would God have instructed lepers to wear them?

Perhaps instead of getting caught up in the debate over mask effectiveness, we should rather be asking the question, who should be wearing a mask? Verse 45 tells us - "the LEPER"! It was the leper who was to "put a covering upon his upper lip", NOT the healthy population. Therefore, the Bible indicates that masks are for those who are sick. Can you imagine the nation of Israel back in Old Testament times ALL wearing masks because of the very real threat of leprosy? Can you imagine the Israelites going in and out of national lockdowns to 'slow the spread' and 'flatten the curve' of leprosy? What nonsense! Think about the Lord Jesus Christ, Who walked this earth at a time when leprosy was common, and Who even had direct contact with lepers. Can you imagine Jesus wearing a mask? It would have been a great opportunity to set a good example to others. No! Jesus knew Leviticus 13 - He wrote it! He knew masks were for lepers and not for the healthy population.

Notice something else in verse 45; it was the leper who had to cry, "Unclean, unclean"! The Leper had a personal responsibility to warn others he was infected.

In verse 46 we see **Social Distancing in the Bible!** But yet again, who is it that was to 'socially distance' themselves from others? It was the leper (the sick person). It was the Leper that had to dwell 'without the camp' and dwell 'alone'. Therefore Social Distancing for healthy people with no symptoms of disease is NOT biblical! It is only for those who are sick.

#### **APPLICATION of the Biblical guidelines:**

Facemasks are biblical, but they are **ONLY for those who are sick!** NOT for those who are healthy! A healthy individual may choose to wear a mask if they want, but to do so would be to go above and beyond the guidelines in Scripture. Mandatory mask wearing, forced upon the healthy population by heavy-handed governments is wrong. It forces healthy individuals to act as if they are sick.

Some argue that all should wear masks because it is not known who has the disease. The world promotes this line of thinking, which leans heavily on the notion that there are those that have COVID-19 but manifest no symptoms (asymptomatic). Much of the basis for this logic comes from the COVID-19 testing, which will quite often give a positive COVID-19 test result to someone who has zero symptoms of the disease. Instead of concluding the test could be wrong (a 'false positive'), the conclusion is rather made that the individual must be infected despite showing no symptoms, and they are then labelled 'asymptomatic'. The bottom line is that man in his wisdom has put his trust in modern testing methods which are flawed. False positive COVID-19 test results are extremely common, and help to underpin the 'asymptomatic' argument. In turn, the asymptomatic argument underpins the apparent need for everyone to wear masks - just in case there are those who are asymptomatic. In contrast, biblical diagnosis of disease was based on **observable symptoms** - a much more reliable way to determine who was unwell. (The whole passage in Leviticus 13 gives a detailed list of symptoms, with the Priest solely taking interest in those presenting symptoms of disease [See Leviticus 13:2]. As Jesus said: "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick" Luke 5:31.)

The combination of social distancing, mask-wearing, and lockdowns has in these recent months subconsciously trained a generation of people to **act like a colony of lepers**. Many individuals have almost entirely cut themselves off from all human contact, save for the one or two fellow 'lepers' from within their designated 'bubble'. They avoid others like the plague, with hugging and hand shaking long-forgotten customs, and who won't touch anything that hasn't been sanitised rigorously. Mask-wearing is religiously adhered to, to the point where their mask must be worn everywhere - even when driving alone in their car! Only a few years ago, such behaviour would have been deemed as extremely odd to say the least, but now thanks to the perceived threat of COVID-19 such weird and unbiblical behaviour is now embraced at the 'new normal'. Such is the fruit of ignoring the guidelines of Scripture, that those who are weird become the 'normal', and those who act normal (who do not socially distance, wear masks, or quarantine themselves with no symptoms) are perceived as the weirdoes!

Just as the Leper was required to let others know they were infected, it is the **personal responsibility** of sick people to let others know they are unwell. Therefore, with the Bible's emphasis on personal responsibility, the government 'track and trace' system of healthy people is wrong. The 'BIG BROTHER' style tracking of healthy individuals is NOT Biblical, and indeed quite dangerous. To have a 'nanny state' tracking your movements, where you are, who you are with, and then tracking you down and ordering you to self-imprisonment (even if you have no symptoms of disease) is like something straight out of a Communist dictatorship!

When it comes to the containment of disease, we may be tempted to draw inspiration from other nations such as China, that have seemingly waged a much more effective fight against COVID-19. For example, the Chinese government's ability to forcibly lockdown an entire city with apparently 100% compliance. Even their ability to literally weld apartment doors shut in order to keep non-compliant residents indoors during a lockdown period. Or their use of drones to patrol the skies, searching for residents failing to comply. Yes, these measures may result in a more effective control of the disease - but at what cost? The cost of freedom. In contrast to the totalitarian Communist nightmare that is the nation of China, the Bible offers the perfect balance between national health on one hand, and personal freedom on the other. The Bible is not reckless in its approach to disease control. Indeed, the measures the Bible gives are very strict. But not strict to the point of removing the God-given freedoms of the people.

#### **E. Cleansing by fire:**

**Leviticus 13:52 says**, "He shall therefore **burn** that garment, whether warp or woof [lengthwise and crosswise yarns], in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be **burnt in the fire**."

Contaminated items were to be **burned**. Hospitals do the exact same thing today.

#### **Summary:**

Based on what has been discussed here in this chapter, the Bible gives so much detail regarding infectious disease control that it appears a full pandemic response plan based on the timeless wisdom of the Word of God is possible to construct:

1. Actual cases (confirmed by individuals showing real symptoms, as opposed to relying on a flawed testing system): Quarantine of 14 days based on Leviticus 13. Face masks to be worn by infected if required based on Leviticus 13:45.

2. Close proximity to infected: precautionary 7 day quarantine based on Numbers 19.
3. Rest of the healthy population: Frequent washing of hands, isolation if sick with symptoms. No mass testing. No masks. No quarantine. No lockdowns. No closures of businesses, schools, churches, etc. Freedoms, livelihoods, social cohesion, and mental wellbeing preserved.

This Bible-based approach gives a very **targeted**, and **very strict** outline in regards to combating disease. Where many governments have gone wrong, is with the vast sweeping blanket measures such as national lockdowns and mask-wearing being forced upon their populations. This very broad and heavy handed approach has resulted in the loss of many personal freedoms, and has done severe damage to the economic and social well-being of the nation. This is what happens when the timeless wisdom of the Word of God is forsaken. COVID-19 is the judgment of God upon our nation for its sin, but what may end up causing way more damage and suffering is the majority of the world's governments unscriptural response to the crisis. Their 'cure' will end up doing more harm than the disease!



National Lockdowns of the healthy population are unbiblical and do great economic and social damage.

## **Conclusion:**

A brief summary of what we have learnt from Scripture concerning COVID-19:

1. COVID-19 is the judgment of God upon the United Kingdom and the other nations of the world for their promotion and acceptance of wicked sins such as abortion and homosexuality.
2. Presuming the official story of the origin of COVID-19 is true, the Chinese Government's failure to heed the Bible's guidance on animal consumption and animal mixing resulted in the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the Wuhan Wet Market.
3. In regards to Biblical principles for disease control: Frequent washing of hands, cleansing of surfaces, and self-imposed isolation if sick (with COVID-19 symptoms) is biblical and should be adhered to. 14 day quarantine, mask-wearing and social distancing is only for those who are sick with symptoms of disease. Governments around the world have been wrong to force these draconian measures (which go above and beyond the guidelines of Scripture) upon their populations. Also, 'national lockdowns' of healthy populations and all that that entails is not biblical and has a disastrous impact upon the economy and society as a whole.

This is what the Bible has to say regarding the reasons for, the origin of, and the containment of COVID-19. For the Christian, it is most encouraging to learn that even with such a topical subject as COVID-19, the Bible has all the answers! God is speaking; the question is, are we listening?

## **Appendix:**

### **Just how deadly is COVID-19?**

Here for a moment we depart from the Bible, and enter the realm of conjecture. There are many opinions out there regarding the deadliness of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. From those who say the virus is totally fake and does not exist, to those who are so convinced that COVID-19 could strike them down at any moment they will not even leave the safety of their own homes. Which view is correct? With expert opinions coming from all directions it is perhaps impossible to know. But on the spectrum previously stated, the truth is probably found somewhere in the middle. Instead of arguing about the severity of COVID-19, the intention of this booklet is instead to highlight what the Bible teaches regarding infectious disease. So whatever the severity of the outbreak, we would be wise to listen to and follow the wisdom of Scripture and avoid making the mistake of underestimating, or indeed overestimating the danger of the situation. The guidelines concerning principles for disease control taught in Scripture are still right and proper, whatever the severity of the disease.

### **Protecting yourself from COVID-19 and other related diseases**

Whilst God in His wisdom strikes the perfect balance between disease control on one hand, and then economic prosperity and personal freedom on the other, there are other things we can do to help protect ourselves from COVID-19 and indeed other potentially deadly coronaviruses. Sadly, some individuals are more likely to suffer severe bouts of coronavirus infection than others, and some are more likely to die as a result. At the end of the day, we are all going to die of something, but still, we would be wise to look after the body the Lord has given us. Listed below are some helpful guidelines.

1. Nutrition: Poor diet equals poor health. Trying to eat a healthy balanced diet and avoiding junk food as much as possible is a good idea. An unfit, poorly nourished individual is more likely to be hit hard by disease. The body's incredibly designed immune system knows how to fight infection, but if it does not have the tools to do the job (because of poor nutrition) then it will not be able to fight the war as effectively.

2. Rest / Sleep: Are you fatigued? Are you overworked? Do you get enough sleep? A worn out body, and a body under stress is more prone to be hit harder by an illness compared with someone who is well rested.

3. Specific supplements to help build immunity and fight Corona Virus infection: Vitamin C, Vitamin D and Zinc. Daily intake of these supplements is a must, as well as consuming foods that have these vitamins naturally. Also, consumption of citrus fruit (such as Oranges, Lemons, and Limes) is also particularly beneficial for healthy lung and respiratory function.

4. Implement your own 'Social Distancing': With the Bible teaching us to avoid unclean things and to stay separate from them we would be wise to apply this teaching to our day-to-day lives. If for example, you are sitting next to someone on a bus, or standing next to them in a queue, and they are coughing and spluttering all over the place, discreetly move away from them. Prolonged exposure to infected people is how disease is spread. Much can also be said not just about diseased people, but also about diseased places. Restaurants with filthy sticky tables, dirty public toilets, and children's indoor play parks are good examples of the kind of places to be wary of.

5. Think carefully before taking the COVID-19 Vaccine: The subject of vaccinations requires careful research, but briefly from a Christian point of view vaccines are not biblical for the following reasons:

A. Vaccinations contradict Jesus' teaching about health in Matthew 9:12, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick". Why would you take a perfectly healthy person and then inject them with a disease?

B. They contain many unclean ingredients: such as heavy metals, detergents, dead animals, disease, and in some cases aborted foetal tissue. An Old Testament Levitical priest would declare them unclean and not to be touched, let alone injected directly into the bloodstream.

C. They bypass God's natural defence against disease: God designed the human body to combat disease beginning at the natural entry points (such as the mouth, nose, and eyes). Vaccines unnaturally bypass this and inject the disease directly into the bloodstream.

D. Moral reasons: Many vaccines (but not all) contain and/or use in their production aborted foetal tissue. Abortion is murder, the breaking of the 6th Commandment.

### **Useful links and resources:**

For you own further research here are some YouTube links: (If the link does not work, try instead searching for the title. Please be aware that because of the intolerance of any view that does not support the current narrative concerning COVID-19 some of these links may no longer work due to being blocked/taken down by the relevant social media platform). Please note: The Lord's Work Trust does not necessarily endorse all the views expressed in these videos. Please chew the meat and spit out the bones!

General overview of COVID-19 including COVID-19 testing issues world renowned Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi:

<https://triggernometry.locals.com/upost/287321/youtube-deleted-our-interview-with-dr-sucharit-bhakdi-here-it-is-again>

Asian and Hong Kong Flu (1957 & 1968-9) information. Compare to COVID-19 (interesting to read of the government, media, and general public's sensible and more Bible based response to the pandemic back then):

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong\\_Kong\\_flu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_flu)

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31201-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31201-0/fulltext)

COVID-19 prevention and treatment discussion with Professor Roger Seheult, MD:

Youtube: 'Vitamin D and COVID 19: The Evidence for Prevention and Treatment of Coronavirus (SARS CoV 2)'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha2mLz-Xdpg>

COVID-19 prevention and treatment discussion with Dr. John Campbell:

Youtube: 'COVID-19 and Zinc'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alvRR\\_y5i-k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alvRR_y5i-k)

COVID-19 prevention and treatment plus information on the COVID-19 Vaccine:

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/gN7DeGRiZiFR/>

Vaccination information:

Youtube: 'VACCINE SERMON! (When the priest shall look upon the plague)' by Pastor Bruce Mejia of First Works Baptist Church, LA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrlbLkWdY4w>

Information regarding the Leicester anti vaccine movement 1853-1859

[https://www.le.ac.uk/lahs/downloads/1967-68/1967-68%20\(43\)%2035-44%20Ross.pdf](https://www.le.ac.uk/lahs/downloads/1967-68/1967-68%20(43)%2035-44%20Ross.pdf)

COVID-19 response and impact on personal freedoms:

Lecture by Lord Sumption concerning loss of liberties due to government COVID-19 dictates:

Youtube: 'Government by decree - Covid-19 and the Constitution': Lord Sumption'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amDv2gk8aa0>

The motive behind the hijacking of the COVID-19 outbreak? The Great Reset?

Youtube:

'What is "The Great Reset"? With James Delingpole'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugRnjpXEwTo>

Book:

'Coronavirus and the Leadership of the Christian Church: A Sacred Trust Broken' (by Ernest Springer, Joel Yeager, Daniel O'Roark)

<https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/daniel-oroark-and-joel-yeager-and-ernest-springer/coronavirus-and-the-leadership-of-the-christian-church-a-sacred-trust-broken/paperback/product-4jwvzd.html?page=1&pageSize=4>

### **A word from the author**

It is my hope and prayer that you have found this booklet useful. Now that you know the truth concerning this issue, what can you do to help spread the truth and inform others? There are many

ways to accomplish this. It has been said: "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

Forward this booklet, either in printed form, or the digital version, to as many people as possible. You can put the printed version through doors, mail to your contacts in the post, hand them out on the streets, at work, and even at your church. If you are a minister, announce and distribute the booklets to your congregation. Consider forwarding the digital version of this booklet to your personal contacts, local politicians and the media. Even if they disagree, you are at least making them aware that there is an alternate view out there. Make use of email, Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media platforms to easily spread what the Bible has to say to many people quickly and inexpensively. And finally, don't just share this message with those who agree with you. Seek to win others over with sensible and reasonable discussion. This subject is so relevant, and so many people (Christians and non-Christians alike) are asking questions about what is going on, and would be interested to hear what the Bible has to say. Out of this tragedy has come a tremendous opportunity! A reformation of thinking back to the Bible is desperately needed regarding this subject .

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"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."  
Proverbs 22:3