

“Sheltering In Place”

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Script - Rev. 3:20-21

A. The Corona virus - is called “the Invisible Enemy”. Why? “Jens Stoltenberg - Nato Secretary General”.

1. It’s infectious nature and its deadly affects.
2. It happened to the world suddenly; unexpectedly.
3. It caused confusion and chaos, with a lot of unknowns. For many life changed drastically. People ended up “sheltering in place”.
4. There are too many unknowns.
 - a. Will it come back, year after year?
 - b. Are you immune after you’ve had it?
 - c. What jobs will come back?
 - d. How long can we “shelter in place” without destroying the world economy?.
 - e. Etc., etc., etc.
5. The questions above show a fear of the unknown that has gripped the world and an attempt to understand the bigger picture.

B. Review

1. Two weeks ago - “Assumptions”.
2. Last week - Riding in the Ark.

C. Sheltering in place. It describes the current conditions for COVID-19 but is it a new concept?

1. Passover (Ex. 12:22-23).
2. Speaking about the 2nd coming (Isa. 26:20-21).

3. The Bible says the stories in God's word are examples for us at the end of time (1 Cor. 10:11).

4. Notice that both references above in 1 and 2 have in common the following items;

- a. They are dealing with the salvation of God's people.
- b. The timing is just before they are delivered.
- c. It is a chaotic time with a lot of stress.
- d. They are both dealing with the harvest and first fruits.

5. Are the references in 1 and 2 talking about a dress rehearsal that we are going through now with COVID-19 or just coincidental?

D. What can we learn from this COVID-19 Pandemic?

1. Passover was, and still is, a time when families gather together. All that were to be protected and delivered, were to be gathered together inside the home.

2. The reference in Isaiah is clearly speaking of the Lord's return and the judgment of the earth at the end of time. It emphasizes God care for His people, as they are counseled to hide themselves, for a little moment.

3. It is interesting that the time of trouble is an undetermined period of time. According to the prophecies in Revelation the time of trouble is an undetermined period of time, as it is mentioned to last one day and one hour (Rev. 18:8, 10, 17, 19). Since a day in prophecy equals one year (Numb. 14:34; and Eze. 4:6) then the time of trouble will be somewhere between 2 weeks and one year. There are other references that say it will be cut short (Mt. 24:22; Rom. 9:28).

4. The most important thing to remember is to be in the house covered by the blood of the lamb.