

## Assumptions

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A. With the COVID-19 virus there are many assumptions being thrown around.

1. Medical experts say that we can assume that this current situation is temporary. They talk about practicing social distancing and pass mandates to “shelter at home”.

2. The President says this is just temporary. Forget that his name is Trump and that he may say this for political purposes. Forget for a moment that his name is Trump, and that he is severely disliked by a lot of people that would like to see him stumble so he can be defeated at the poles and someone else can assume the role of leadership that we give to the President of the United States. The President says that this situation is just temporary.

3. Stock experts and money managers say that this is just temporary. They say that when this current situation is under control the stock market will come roaring back. Financial advisors always say to buy in the dips and many make their money by employing these kind of money managing strategies to accumulate great wealth.

4. We don't want to be like chicken little and run around crying that the sky is falling. There has been enough of those in the past.

5. There are some in the congressional halls that are calling for an investigation into the beginning of this virus. Maybe they are just part of the fear mongers and conspiracy theorist when they speculate that China may have released this on purpose as part of a plot to take this President down because China didn't like the direction negotiations were going. I don't know about all of that. There was a special news broadcast on TV by 2020 called “Last Days On Earth” where all of the scientist review the seven deadly threats to our world as we know it. One of them is biological warfare.

6. Congressional leaders unite and actually collaborate to pass relief packages to help people get through these times when all businesses shut down and most are unemployed. Many wonder if one or two months “relief” is really going to be enough. It is unthinkable to think that this current situation could really be anything other than a temporary hiccup in the economic system of our great nation.

7. These times are unprecedented. No can remember this happening in the past. I have heard some compare this to other viruses (SARS; Spanish influenza, etc) but say this is more deadly.

8. Everyone assumes everything will go back to “normal”, whatever that was. Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah (Seed time and harvest.).

## B. The problem with assumptions.

1. They are usually based on your best guess or a quick judgement call based on something you see or something you have heard, etc.

a. A person parks in a handicap spot, gets out and doesn't seem to have anything wrong with them so we assume they are cheating.

b. We meet someone cashing an unemployment check and we assume they are lazy.

c. We see someone overweight and assume they are a glutton.

2. Only God can read the hearts and minds (Prov. 18:13, 21:2; Jn. 7:24; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 2:23).

## C. Biblical references that deal with assumptions

1. Eli assumed that Hanna had been drinking when she was pouring out her heart to God for a son (Samuel). Judge not (Jn. 7:24; Prov. 18:13).

2. Jesus statement about the fall of Jerusalem and His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (Lk. 21:20-28 and Mt. 24:32-35).

3. Noah's ark and the worldwide flood. The assumed what Noah said could not come true. The rivers had never overflowed their banks. The earth was watered by a mist (Gen. 2:6) and water had never fallen from the sky before.

## D. What do we know for sure?

1. There is great uncertainty at the present time. Although we have had other viruses come and go (swine flu; Spanish influenza, SARS, etc) the experts say that this one is more dangerous.

2. There are a lot of assumptions being floated around.

3. Where are we in Biblical prophecy?

a. Dan. 2 - we are in the end of the prophecy (in the toes) and the next thing to happen is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

b. Mt. 24 We are past all the other signs and just waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

c. Rev. 6 We are past all the other signs and waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

4. The COVID - 19 virus is a sign that the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming is near like the armies surrounding Jerusalem Mt. 24:32-35).

E. What can we safely assume to be true?

1. Jesus is coming again (Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11).
2. I need to be ready (Mt. 25).
3. Jesus will fulfill His word...
  - a. To protect me (Ps. 91; Mt:28:20; Heb. 13:5).
  - b. To provide for me (Isa. 33:16; 41:17-18).
  - c. To prepare a home for me (Jn. 14:1-3).
  - d. To see me safely home (Heb. 13:2).
  - e. To not give me more than I can bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

Script - Lk. 21:25-28