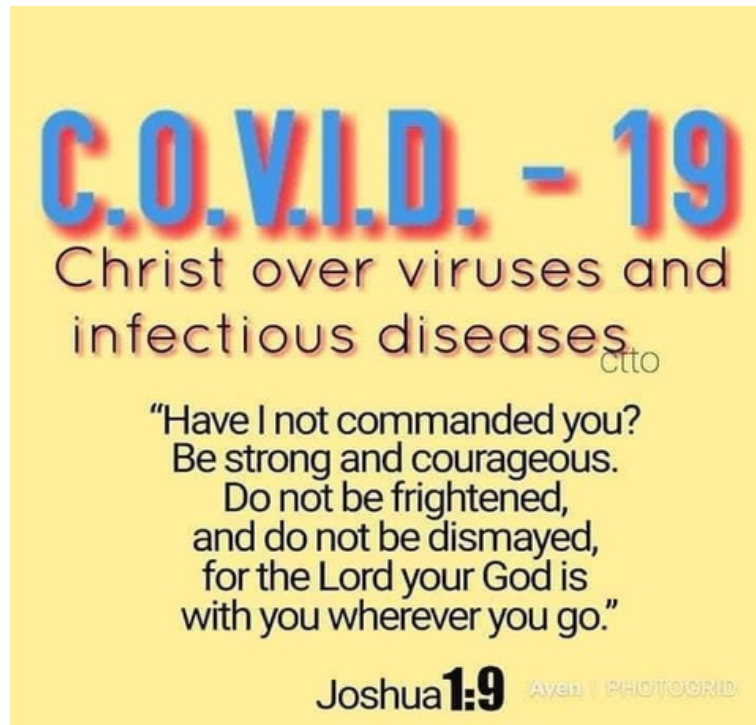


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THE CORONA VIRUS

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

It is a Warning from God! The positive way of looking at it is that God allowed it to sweep the earth as a warning to ALL of mankind.

It is an urgent *WAKE UP CALL* not only for the Church to REPENT but, as it is affecting the whole world it is also A WAKE UP CALL FOR ALL TO REPENT AND RETURN TO THE GOD OF ISRAEL, THE SOVEREIGN CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.

This is a perfect time for Christians and indeed the entire faith community to evaluate their faith in the light of the inspired Scriptures of the Bible.

THIS IS THE TIME TO: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest from your souls."

Human nature being what it is, most will not heed this call to repentance as they will respond as follows: "***We will not walk in it!***"

Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the Torah, and the words which the LORD of hosts has sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 7:12

Also I set watchmen over you, saying, "Listen to the sound of the trumpet!"

But they said, "We will not listen!" Jeremiah 6:16-18 NKJV

By not heeding the warning portend of the Coronavirus, believers are saying; ***"We will not listen to the sound of the Trumpet!"***



Those believers need to realise that NOT LISTENING and not taking any notice of this global warning, brings awesome consequences.

"Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O Congregation, what is among them. Hear O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people-The fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words Nor My Torah, but rejected it. Jeremiah 6:18-19 NKJV

What is happening all around us is completely unprecedented. Christians and all people of faith are now forbidden to assemble in their churches, mosques, temples, synagogues, community halls or houses. You are forbidden to assemble on Shabbat or Sunday, or any other day of the week with any type of service, Bible study, Choir practice. All the stuff that goes with an active church life is now cancelled until further notice. Even Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals are affected. This is a unique event. It is as if our Father in Heaven has kicked all the crutches out from under our feet.

This is the time for us to communicate One to One with our Father above and ask Him, "What do you mean by all of this?"

This is the time for believers in Yeshua, our Saviour, to ask for ***"Hearing Ears!"***

This is the time to approach our LORD and Creator to ask what changes He wants us to make in our life?

May we each ask Him to show us where we have fallen short!

May we each ask Him to give us a spirit of repentance!

THE WHOLE WORLD STANDS ON THE CROSS ROADS

"But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you that it MAYBE WELL WITH YOU.' "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. Jeremiah 7:23 NKJV

Wise King Solomon has given us the key to answered prayer in situations like we find ourselves in today:

"When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple: THEN HEAR FROM HEAVEN YOUR DWELLING PLACE, AND FORGIVE, and give everyone according to all his ways, whose heart you know (for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men), that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live. 2 Chronicles 6:28-30 NKJV

Solomon is saying in effect that REPENTANCE is the only way forward for us individually, as well as for our nations. This is confirmed in the following chapter when the LORD appeared to Solomon by night and said to him.

"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NKJV

The Apostle Peter has some more to say on the subject:

"The LORD is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

Perhaps this is the time to more closely examine one of the most baffling and extraordinary statements in Yeshua's Sermon on the Mount as our Saviour states that not every believer will necessarily make it to the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord' have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"
Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

The word "lawlessness" in the Greek, is anomia. Guess what it means?

"The condition of BEING WITHOUT law/Torah.

Because of ignorant of it

Because of violating it

If we truly want to KNOW Yeshua intimately, if we want to be counted as one of those that He knows intimately, we need to repent for NOT following His Torah (1 John 3:4), and then, in heartfelt repentance, we need to begin following His Torah, all of it, cover to cover, Genesis to Revelation.

This is a wake up call to return to following the Torah of Yeshua by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit!

PRAYER TARGETS

- May this Corona C. O. V. I. D. – 19 achieve the purpose where unto You have sent it in bringing a spirit of repentance to envelope the world.
- May this pandemic have a major sobering effect on mankind to the point where many will look for the meaning of life, and may they find that meaning by look to Yeshua and His glorious Torah!
- May this global emergency have a particular effect upon those in the Church, so much so that they may examine and take stock of their own lives and measure it against Your Word in the Scriptures.
- We pray Father that we may see a spirit of repentance arise especially in the Church & may many be drawn to the truth of Your Torah.
- We pray that we may see a powerful move of the Spirit bringing genuine spiritual rejuvenation to our countries.
- Father we pray that many will be sobered by Yeshua's words in Matthew 7:21-23. Nay, we pray that they may be arrested and stopped in their tracks by those words. Father, please help them to see it applies to them. Please Father, set them thinking about this verse.
- Finally Father, we pray for good fruit to come from this calamity bringing true repentance to many and leading to a Great Torah House Harvest.