

Messianic Rabbi: COVID-19 Serves as the Enemy's Nuclear Option

Over the past few months, we have faced something most of us have never experienced in our lifetimes. Probably the most difficult part of this season has been dealing with all of the unknown elements of COVID-19.

The problem with unknowns is that we just don't know. The difficulty of dealing with an unknown is that the unknown opens the door and provides opportunities for voices from all over the spectrum of ideas.

Like most of you, I have heard people prophesy that COVID-19 was the end of the world, or at least the beginning of the end. I also heard from those of those who believe that there actually is a COVID-19 that it is simply a scheme directed by those in the New World Order who want to bring about a one world government.

There are those who believe it is a real virus that we need to be aware of and respect as dangerous, but with time and care, it will go away as past viruses have. There are those who believe we should do everything we can to keep anyone from getting COVID-19, and then there are those who believe our best course of action would be to help everyone get the virus so we build up herd immunity.

Because no one really knows an unknown, even our leaders seem at times to be grasping at straws or running around like chickens with their heads cut off. We have been told not to do things because they won't help, only to be told weeks later to do the very thing we were told not to because it is the only thing that will help.

Our governments told us we needed to close down our economies to stop the spread and keep people from dying. They followed that by telling us we need to open our economies up so that we will keep people from dying.

I don't know a time in history that the whole world has endured such an extreme level of confusion, which leads me to the point of this blog. In 1 Corinthians 14:33 (TLV), we find these words: "for God is not a God of confusion, but *shalom*. As in all the communities of the *kedoshim*."

It is past time that we realized that, while COVID-19 and everything that goes with it is an unknown, there are some things we know are absolutes. One of those absolutes is that if everything around us is confusing, then what we are seeing is not of G-D. Confusion is a weapon of Satan to distract us from those things G-D is doing.

Confusion is the enemy of our soul's way of keeping the eyes of our hearts from seeing the victory, blessing, love and provision of our Heavenly Father. Confusion is most often the enemy's weapon of last resort, his nuclear option, used when he knows the people of G-D are about to experience a great victory.

Just look through the Bible and history and see for yourself. Just before a great victory, the enemy tries to distract G-D's people through some act that attempts to bring confusion.

So, now that we all understand that, regardless of what people think about COVID-19, we as believers know one thing for certain: COVID-19 is a confusing distraction of Satan. We also know that, historically, the only time Satan employs his nuclear option is when he knows there is no other method he can use to try to stop a great victory from taking place, because Satan knows he cannot stop G-D from providing our victory. Our enemy's only hope is that he will be able to confuse and distract the people of G-D from their victory.

Let me encourage you this week. Stop listening to the millions of voices who don't know telling you what they don't know. Stop being distracted by the confusion and start looking at the miracles taking place right in front of us.

Over the past few weeks in our community, we have seen miraculous healings while hospitals were doing surgeries. We saw people getting jobs and raises while businesses were closing. We sold our old congregational building during a time when congregations were not able to meet.

The list goes on and on of the amazing victories that have taken place during the season of COVID-19. Each one of these miracles could have been missed if our eyes were on the unknown confusion instead of keeping our eyes on our known G-D. Please remember that while many nations shut down because of the unknown, G-D never shut down because there is nothing He doesn't know.

We are in a season of great miracles and great blessings. Please don't miss them because your eyes and heart were distracted. {eoa}

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