

SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, March 29, 2020 - AM Service**
 SERMON TITLE: **Confusion in the Storm**
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 BIBLE TEXT: **2 Chronicles 15:5-6**

People are asking questions from a spiritual point of view

The 3 questions to be answered today:

1. Is this God's judgment on America?
2. Is this a sign of the End Times?
3. What should our response be as Christians?

1. Is the coronavirus the judgment of God?

Bible text: 2 Chronicles 15:5-6

- Chaos in the land of Israel
- "... for God did **vex** them with all adversity." (v.6) – "**vex**" = **troubled**

In the Old Testament, when people walked away from God, there was judgment.

After Jesus died, the earth was reconciled to Him.

Romans 1:24 – "Wherefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts..."

Romans 1:26 – "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections..."

Romans 1:28 – "...God gave them over to a reprobate mind..."

When an individual, a nation, or a church departs from God, He creates a **vacuum**.

Is the coronavirus a **vacuum where God is relationally absent?**

How did Israel get to the place where they experienced God's troubling them with all adversity?

2 Chronicles 15

- There was no true God (v.3)
- There was no teaching priest
- There was no law

2. Is the coronavirus a sign of the End Times?

Luke 21:25 – “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;”

This passage of Scripture is called the **Olivet Discourse**

(Read also Matthew 24:3-8)

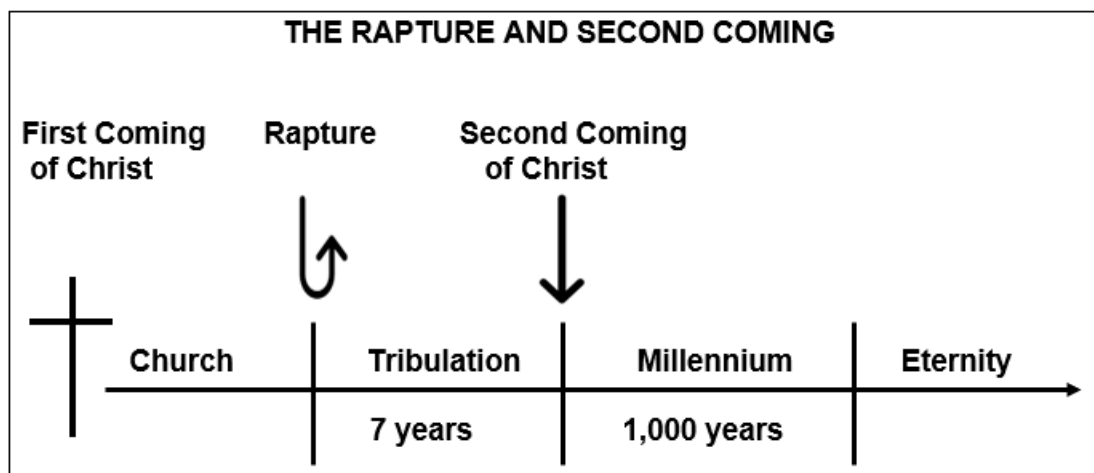
3 Questions the Disciples asked Jesus

1. When will these things be?
2. What will the sign of Your coming be?
3. What will the sign of the End of the Age be?

Jesus' answer:

1. WHEN? Nobody knows (Matthew 24:6)
- 2, 3: The signs will include: **false christs; wars and rumbling of wars; devastation throughout the world**

The Timeline of the End Times:



All the signs that Jesus gives are regarding the SECOND COMING, not the Rapture.

The signs of Christ's 2nd Coming appear to be all around us

Therefore the Rapture can't be that far away

The Rapture is 7 years before the 2nd Coming of Christ

SO IS THE COVID-19 A SIGN OF THE RAPTURE?

NO.

There are NO signs for the Rapture.

SO IS THE COVID-19 A SIGN OF THE SECOND COMING?

Nobody knows for certain.

"Satan and anti-Christ would like nothing better than to have a world-wide plague underway at the beginning of the tribulation to further his argument for a one world government led by a benevolent – peace-loving dictator." – *David Jeremiah*

Q: Is the coronavirus a **pestilence** (as we read in Matthew 24:7)?

A: Probably not.

Pestilence: a contagion or infectious epidemic that is devastating

As the end approaches, we should expect infectious disease to increase more frequently, impact more people and be more deadly.

3. What should our response be?

3 RESPONSIBLE RESPONSES:

1. Examine yourself
2. Exalt the Scripture
3. Expect the Savior (Titus 2:12-13)