

Kingdom Report

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Pestilence and the Gods of Egypt

There is something very prophetic happening in the earth with this worldwide pandemic of the Coronavirus. It reminds me of the plagues of Egypt that delivered the Israelites, the plagues on their gods. The god of this world Mammon is about to get the Egypt treatment.

I don't often do this, make prophetic judgments because I am not a prophet. I have no "Thus saith the Lord". I do however have a keen sense of observing the ways of the Lord. And what I see in the world media about the Covid-19 epidemic takes me back to Egypt and the exodus. Here is why....

The World Health Organization declared the Covid-19 virus outbreak to be now officially an international pandemic. Angela Merkel the leader of Germany said this week in the Bundestag that 70% of Germans will get infected. The same will hold true for most of Europe. In America yesterday the governor of Ohio says the private estimate is that 1% of the state is already infected (100,000 people)...unfortunately there seems to be a strange hold up of the millions of test kits needed to start mass testing of the population to determine what the actual numbers are.

Ok, these are the known factors. This will be worldwide. The only reason Africa and other places not yet reporting is because there are no proper health systems to test and treat the populace. Satellite photos reveal mass graves in hotspots like Iran, North Korea that are not giving true reports of what is actually happening.

The only way to get through this is shut whole cities and whole areas down. No traffic, no human contact, no meetings, no gathering in crowds. Let this virus die out. That is what Italy has done, that is what China has done as well as Israel. This will not happen in Africa or South America. The logistics and police and law are not strong enough to enforce lockdown.

It will take at least a year for this run its course. We are only at the beginning. There is no health system in any country that can handle the case loads of infected people coming for ICU care just to help them breathe and keep them alive. Most people will have the immune strength to live through this.

There is much more to say about all this but I want to get to my prophetic projection.

The world economic system will not be the same after this pandemic. The international debt bubble ponzi scheme economy of modern finance capitalism has been in search of pin....and it found it in this virus. For years now the miracle working high priests of finance have been inflating the debt bubble with fiat money from the world central banks to massively increase asset prices like stocks

and bonds. With no real money going to the people below. The big shots of corporate finance make their obscene financial windfalls through quarterly reports of stock price increases allowing their vested stock options to mature and allow them to cash out....unloading the eventual worthless stock on unsuspecting pension funds.

This \$350 trillion international dollar debt boondoggle is now in the process of going down like the Hindenburg. I will not go through any lengthy explanation of what "Fractional Reserve Banking" is all about, you can read it on Wikipedia....but what it amounts to is the banking system creating "credit" in the place of real money and basing the whole world monetary system on "credit creation" which is the process whereby one deposit of \$100 can be turned into \$1000 of credit through the creation of debt. The whole system of money supply growth to goose the economy is dependent on credit creation which is dependent on getting people and corporations to make new debts.

Now here is the reverse of the credit creation cycle....credit destruction leading to money destruction leading to liquidity traps. And credit destruction is a nuclear chain reaction that happens when Joe does not repay Paul who cannot repay Sally etc etc and the company goes bankrupt because debtors are not paying bills and workers get laid off who in turn cannot pay their bills and on and on...

The word "credit" comes from the Latin "credo" meaning "I believe". The world of fiat money credit creation by the high priests of banking is a "faith based system". If you believe you will be paid by those promising to pay the daisy chain of obligations keep working. But like the mystic priests of Roman Catholic faith whose "credo" was their ability to turn a wafer of bread into the real actual body of Christ....when Martin Luther said "I protest....I don't believe"that faith system broke down and liberated the people of God.

And so the god of this world Mammon, has imbued his new High Priests in their grand cathedrals of Central Banks with the power of sorcery, to make people believe that they can print unlimited pieces of paper and by magic it is money. But it is only money while people still believe.....or have faith in the system, faith that their pension is secure, faith that their income is secure, faith that their "money" can still buy a roll of toilet paper at Walmart.

Which brings me to the gods of Egypt and the liberation of God's people from the tentacles and capture of the god of this world.

There is this plaintive cry in Isaiah 26:18 where Israel cries to the Lord....
"We have been with child and we have been in pain we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not brought forth any deliverance in the earth...."
Which is our situation here in South Africa as a church and for most of the earth. Here we are 80% of the population and we Pentecostal/charismatics are 47% of the population. The same can be said of Zimbabwe and Nigeria etc. We have been pregnant with Christ and His Kingdom....but we are in pain, we have not brought forth any deliverance in the earth. Our nations are dying through debt, corruption, crime, rampant sin and ungodly living.

But God answers Isaiah with this in verse 20...."Come my people enter into thy chambers and shut the doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little while until the indignation be past. For behold the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity..."

Moses came to Pharaoh with a word from God...."Let my people go that they may serve me." Wherever I look the people of God are trapped in Mammon's service and he is a hard taskmaster. When this pestilence is past we will be able to build a new world order. That is the purpose of God's judgment on the gods of Egypt.

For those of you interested in deeper scripture study I list each of the 10 plagues on Egypt which each one was directed as one of their gods. And I remind you that this Corona virus plague, ultimately is aimed at Mammon and his downfall....

Waters Turned to Blood

The first of the judgments was upon the waters of Egypt. The Nile was the highway of this ancient land, as it still is today.

Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but the other waters of the land were as well, even the water that was drawn for use in the houses in wooden and stone jars. For seven days the whole land was in horror, with dead fish and a stench from the river.

To better appreciate what was going on, we must examine the numerous gods of the river: **Osiris**, one of the chief gods of Egypt, was first of all the gods of the Nile. He, with his companion, the mother god, **Isis**, and their child, **Horus**, were human-headed gods (in contrast to the many that had heads of birds, beasts, and reptiles).

There were other gods of the Nile, too: **Hapimon** in the north, and **Tauret** at Thebes, and the hippopotamus goddess of the river. There was also **Nu**, the god of life in the Nile.

The supernatural pollution of the waters of the land were a humiliation to the gods the Egyptians worshiped.

The Frogs

The second of the wonders further proved the powerlessness of the gods of Egypt. The land was covered with a plague of frogs in such abundance that they infested the Egyptians' houses and beds.

One of the principal goddesses of the land was **Hekt**, the wife of the creator of the world, who was always shown with the head and the body of a frog.

The frogs came out of the sacred Nile and Egypt's devotion to them prevented them from dealing with them: they soon had decaying carcasses throughout the land, resulting in a stinking horror.

The Sand Flies

The third of the judgments on Egypt came out of the soil in Egypt. The Hebrew word *ken*, is translated "lice" in our English translation, with "sand flies" or "fleas" in some marginal notes.

The Hebrew word comes from a root meaning to dig; it is probable that the insect was one which digs under the skin of men.

This was an embarrassment to their great god of the earth, **Geb**, to whom they gave offerings for the bounty of the soil. Also the presence of the fleas or lice were a barrier to their officiating in their priestly duties!

The Scarabs

The fourth of the plagues were "swarms" ("of flies" is not in the original). The word is *`arob*, a swarm, possibly suggesting incessant motion.

The deification of the scarab beetle is still conspicuous - even today - in the jewelry and artifacts celebrating ancient Egypt. **Amon-Ra**, the king of the gods, had the head of a beetle. Some of the giant scarabs were even accorded the honor of mummification and entombment with the Pharaohs.

This is particularly bizarre since the scarab is actually a dung beetle. The insect is about the size of a nickel and feeds on dung in the fields or the side of the road.

When animals defecate, these insects swarm from their holes in the ground and collect their provender for future meals by forming it into round balls about the size of golf balls, which they roll across the ground to their underground dwellings.

Since they seemed to "come from nowhere," and perhaps because these perfectly round balls were possibly associated with the sun, these beetles became associated with creation. (Also, the Egyptians seem to have had the mistaken notion that the scarabs deposited larvae in the spheres, but that is not true.)

The plague of swarms of scarabs, with mandibles that could saw through wood, and destructive qualities worse than termites, must have caused extreme consternation since they were so venerated and thus were not to be interfered with!

The Animals

The fifth plague was against the domestic animals of Egypt, and thus **Apis**, the bull god, and the cow-headed **Hathor**, goddess of the deserts. These were so widespread that even the children of Israel had become tainted by their worship, which led to the fiasco of the golden calf in the image of **Apis**.

The plague was a "murrain," a contagious disease among the cattle, and even the sacred bulls in the temple died. Other domestic animals were sacred also, and their images adorned many of the idols, such as **Bubastis**, the cat goddess of love, feminine matters and fashion, etc.

The cattle of the Hebrews, of course, were not touched.

Ashes

The sixth wonder was manifested against the bodies of men. The plague of *shechiyn*, translated "boils" may hide something more terrible. The root means "burning," and the same word can be translated as leprosy, and as the Egyptian botch, which was declared to be incurable.

Among the gods to which cures would have been ascribed were **Thoth**, the ibis-headed god of intelligence and medical learning, and **Apis**, **Serapis** and **Imhotep**.

Here even the magicians did not escape and could not carry on their priestly functions. It was their custom to take the ashes of human sacrifices and cast them into the air. Borne by the wind over the milling populace, they were viewed as a blessing.

Fiery Hail

Egypt is a sunny land with virtually no rain. The seventh wonder was a tempest of hail and fire.

Where was **Shu**, the wind god? And **Nut**, the sky goddess? Where was **Horus**, the hawk-headed sky god of upper Egypt?

When Pharaoh confessed his sin and the sin of his people, he even used the Hebrew names for God:

I have sinned this time: the Lord [YHWH] is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Intreat the Lord [YHWH] that there be no more mighty thunderings ["voices of Elohim"]. -Exodus 9:27,28

Locusts

Some of the earlier plagues may have been separated by extended intervals, but the eighth plague followed immediately on the heels of the seventh: locusts came upon the land. Every twig and leaf that had somehow escaped the hail and fire was now taken by the locusts.

Where was **Nepri**, the grain god? Where was **Ermuted**, goddess of childbirth and crops? Where was **Anubis**, the jackal-headed guardian of the fields?

And where was **Osiris**, great head of their senior trinity who was also their agricultural god? Having lost faith in their gods, rebellion was now in the air.

Thick Darkness

The ninth wonder was a darkness that could be felt! Josephus writes,

But when Moses said that what he [Pharaoh] desired was unjust, since they were obliged to offer sacrifices to God of those cattle, and the time being prolonged on this account, a thick darkness, without the least light, spread itself over the Egyptians, whereby their sight being obstructed, and their breathing hindered by the thickness of

the air, they were under terror lest they be swallowed up by the thick cloud. This darkness, after three days and as many nights was dissipated.

Where was **Ra**, god of the sun? In the school of On, or Heliopolis, city of the sun, the worship of **Ra** was virtually almost monotheistic. He and **Aten**, the sun's disc, were worshiped with the *ankh* , symbol of life from the sun, as almost a sort of trinity.

Where was **Horus**, the god of the sunrise? Or **Tem**, the god of the sunset? Or **Shu** , the god of light? Or the deities of the moon and planets?

Like the Israelites God commanded....apply the blood of Jesus to the door lintels of your house...this Coronavirus will not cross over and you and your whole family will be saved!