

## **WHAT TO DO IN THIS PANDEMIC by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff March 29, 2020**

There are some similarities that we can learn from as we compare the children of Israel leaving Egypt on their way to the promised land to where we are now facing the challenges, we face

The children of God were slaves in Egypt

God delivered them

AMAZINGLY- They leave with the wealth of Egypt

They on the way to the promised land

Sound familiar?

-Pilgrims left Europe to come to America in search of a better life and religious freedom

-They arrived in the promised land of America, a land flowing with milk and honey

-I wont go through the whole history of America yet ill state that this is the most blessed nation on earth

### **1) WE ARE DELIVERED AND BLESSED PEOPLE**

As a whole nation we are free. Besides crime, violence and anti Christian forces we in America are free. We can thank God for this and thank the

brave men and women that have fought to protect us from enemies foreign and domestic.

We can thank every citizen that has paid their taxes and has contributed to building our great society.

**As believers we have a spiritual and natural blessing on us children of God. This is our inheritance :**

**Deuteronomy 28 1** “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. **2** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

**Deuteronomy 28:3-14**

**3** “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.

**4** “Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

**5** “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

**6** “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

**7** “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**8** “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

**9** “The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God **and walk in His ways**. **10** Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. **11** And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord [b]swore to your fathers to give you. **12** The Lord will open to you His good [c]treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. **13** And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I **command** you today, and are careful to observe them. **14** So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to the right or the left*, to go after other gods to serve them.

**We turn to the time when Israel is on route to the promised land. They left Egypt yet there are nations and armies in the territories where they must pass by. But the bible says they are protected by a pillar of fire but night and a cloud to protect them by day.**

**Numbers 21:1** The king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim. Then he fought against Israel and took *some* of them prisoners. (Is the guy nuts. Picking a fight with a people whose God just swallowed the Egyptian army. The guy was smoking some bad weed. Its like Mr Bean picking a fight with Tyson Fury, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. )

**2** So Israel made a vow to the Lord, and said, “If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.” **3** And the Lord listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. So the name of that place was called Hormah.

**Colossians 1:13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

So the Israelites were blessed. They came under attack but hey they had the Lord on their side and the bible says with the Lord on my side, NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME SHALL PROSPER AND EVERY TONGUE THAT RISES UP AGAINST ME IN JUDGEMENT-I CONDEMN

## **2) THEY OPENED THE DOOR**

**They opened the door by murmuring and complaining, lying, sin, lack of gratitude and false accusations against God.**

We read here in **Deuteronomy 28:9** if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God **and** walk in His ways.

**Deuteronomy 28:13** if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I **command** you today, and are careful to observe *them*.

Let me say this. God loves us with a passionate love. He demonstrated it by sending Jesus. Come on that's huge.

Yet like any natural parent you want to train up your child to be mature, responsible and fruitful. Yet you know as a parent 3 things:

1. Your child needs to decide for themselves to follow your instruction even with reason and discipline
2. You pray, mentor and work hard to make sure your kids have the right friends. Bad company corrupts good morals
3. You are weary of predators that would seek to do your children harm

**Galatians 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD? Gods rule and reign.

Gods blessings of love, peace, joy, divine protection

It's the place in your life where you go from Jesus just being your Savior to the place where Jesus is Lord.

Lets get back to the text

**Numbers 21:4** Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became

very discouraged on the way. (encourage yourself in the Lord. The joy of the Lord is my strength)

**5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses (MISTAKE NO 1) : “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul oathes this worthless bread.”

My my my DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T LIKE MAMAS COOKING. IN THIS CASE PAPAS COOKING. God saying Gabriel they don't like your mana bread.

THEY LIED ABOUT THIS

WATER

**Numbers 20:11** Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

BREAD

**Exodus 16:8** Also Moses said, “*This shall be seen* when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full;

### 3) JUDGEMENT, CONSEQUENCES & ATTACKS

Let me first state the difference between judgment in the old testament and grace in the NEW TESTAMENT

In the OLD judgemnet came when they disobeyed

JESUS came and died

We are operating under grace

Yet in new testament there are consequences

-not positioning yourself

YOU OPEN YOURSELF UP TO ATTACKS

-from satan

In this OT scenario it was judgment yet please let us be mature and learn how they overcame

The Israelites were used to fighting armies who they could see attacking them.

Throughout history when nations fought each other its the nation with a combination of the greatest armed forces, resources, strategy and heart that win, along with Gods help when evil tyrant prevails

The world now as a whole has been taken by surprise

We pride ourselves in the strength of our armies to protect us from foes

We take all necessary measures to fortress our cities, with police and guards

We secure our homes with walls, security systems and arms.

Yet now what has rocked most citizens is that of an invisible foe.

That's what the children of Israel were facing when the fiery aspects came out of the deserts and were attacking them. These were things against which their arrows could not prevail.

Imagine how their terror spread the camp like wild fire. The rumor was spreading that the snakes were devouring them.

We are surrounded by snakes everyday

In the bible the snake represents the devil and sin. His poison is the venom he infects us with.

What does venom do to us when bitten by a snake?

Hemotoxic **venom will** cause the bite victim to experience decreased blood pressure and blood clotting. ... Cytotoxic **venom** kills human tissue and if any tissue dies then it **will** have to be amputated. The goal of neurotoxic **venom is** to "disrupt the function of the brain and nervous system

In the same way satan wants to piece our skin. He wants to affect and disrupt our way of life. The spiritual venom that satan has is called sin and idolatry. Sin disrupts the function of our spirit man. Satan wants to disrupt you from your purpose and calling.

He injects you with sin and worldliness



He has even convinced some of you that God does not exist, that killing babies in the womb is ok

His venom is running through your veins with greed and lust.

Sin separates you from God. It robs you of your confidence before God to come to Him..

It doesn't need to be that way. I have the solution for you today

## LET US CONTINUE

**Numbers 21:6** So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ( HOWCOME? Its in 1 Corinthians 10)

**1 Corinthians 10:10** Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, **2** all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **3** all ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.**

**6** Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. **7 And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them.** As it is written, “**The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.**” **8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.** **11** Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

#### **4) THEY LOOKED TO JESUS**

**Numbers 21:7** Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

When the children of God pray He listens.

**Romans 10:13** For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**2 Chronicles 7:14** 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.

TURN is Repentance

**Numbers 21:8** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten (PHYSICAL, SPIRITUALY AND EMOTIONALY), when he looks at it, shall live.” **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**John 3:14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Why a bronze serpent? Because that represented Jesus taking on Himself the sins of the world. All sickness, diseases, evil and pain for us.

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Jesus took Corona virus on Himself

AIDS

Cancer

Terets

Every evil

He takes what you have and gives you what HE has

He gives you His peace, love and joy

That's the great exchange

That's love

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

If you love God and you in His will all things will work out well.

If you not in love with Him, fall in love. He's wonderful and lovable. He cares for you He died for you.

