

## God “Sent” the Virus?

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I ran across yet another Facebook post expressing the idea that the current Covid-19 virus was “sent” by God. Let's look at a familiar passage of Scripture that can be used to teach this:

### **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if **I send pestilence** among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

It would almost appear from this passage that those who claim that God “sent” the corona virus have a Biblical case. However, the Hebrew word for “send” is “shalach.” The Hebrew scholar, Gesenius, explains, “Shalach is rendered by Gesenius, ‘relax, loosen, let go, especially one who has been in any way detained; give over into the power of anything.’”

“Shalach” (send) is the same word used in Psalm 81:12 where we read, “So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lust” or, as the Unlocked Dynamic Version renders it, “I allowed them to do whatever they wanted to do” While I don't agree with how Dr. Jack Blanco's paraphrases all Scripture, I believe that his paraphrase of 2 Chronicles 7:13 is much more consistent with how the passage should have been translated:

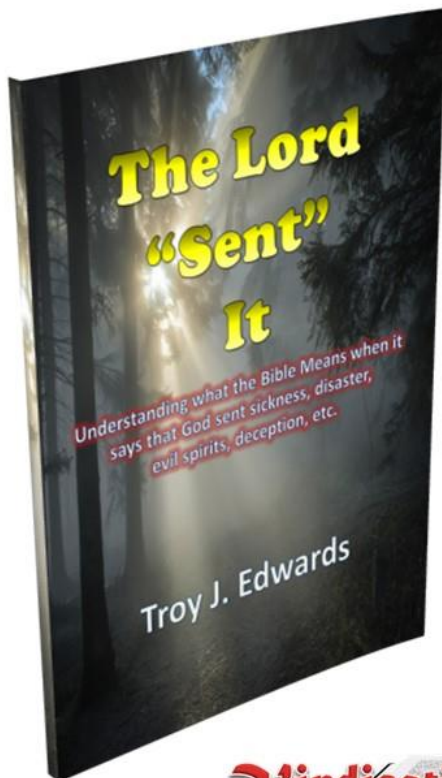
“Whenever I hold back the rain or let locusts eat the harvest or let sickness come on my people to discipline them....” (The Clear Word)

If God is the direct cause of sickness then Jesus should have went about inflicting people with it while He was on earth. Instead, we are told that He went about healing them from what SATAN brought upon them (Acts 10:38; Luke 13:16; Matthew 12:22-28).

After giving the list of numerous curses that would come upon His people for disobedience, God concluded in Deut. 31:16-18 that it would be His abandonment, the lack of His protection, that would bring about the pestilences that people would suffer. It is only in this sense that we could call any pestilence a judgment. However, as God told Solomon, prayer and repentance would move God to heal the land and restore His protective presence.

No doubt that promotion of abortion, homosexuality, etc. plays a hand in Satan's ability to inflict these things upon mankind. Yet, rather than blaming God for this, let's pray in warfare against

this thing. Warfare includes repentance of sin, but it also includes taking authority against satanic assaults. We will never do the latter if we continue to claim that the corona virus came from God's direct hand.



**Some say that God personally sent the Covid-19, Coronus Virus. We beg to differ. Get our book and learn more.**

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There are a number of people proclaiming that the current "Corona Virus" (Chinese virus, COVID-19, etc.) is a "God sent" pestilence. IN light of this I would like to inform some and remind others that we have a teaching in both book and video form titled "The Lord SENT It: Understanding what the Bible Means when it says that God sent sickness, disaster, evil spirits, deception, etc." Here are links to the FREE downloadable book in various electronic formats:

<http://vindicatinggod.org/sent-it.html> (.pdf only)

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/troy-edwards/the-lord-sent-it/ebook/product-22986506.html> (epub only)

<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/687816> (.pdf, Kindle, epub, text)

You can also get it in iBooks format (Apple bookstore), Nook format (Barnes and Nobles) and Kobo format, all absolutely free. If you prefer a paperback or regular Kindle format directly from Amazon.com (this will cost you some money) then the links are below:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1540451879> (Paperback)

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01N2HDMFP> (Amazon.com Kindle)

The video teaching is in six parts. I will post the links to the first video and then the one that specifically deals with sickness or pestilence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ew8t6zmEULI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5rztFjt7mk>

I truly recommend that you read or listen to our teachings on this subject so that you can understand that God is not the author of any sickness or virus. From our material you will understand those Bible passages that appear to say that God sent these things and see that the passages are often misinterpreted.