

Riding In The Ark

March 28th 2020-

Script - Ps. 37:34-40

Opening song #528 A Shelter In The Time Of Storm

Closing song #469 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

A. Things to be considered.

1, What part, if any, does this Corona virus play in God's overall plan for Christ's return?

2. Is it an "important event" that will set up other predicted events related to the 2nd coming, or just a worldwide traumatic event that is to be expected before Christ's return?

3. Although the Corona virus is not specifically mentioned in Scripture as something that will take place before Christ's return, there are other signs that Jesus mentioned to look for.

a. The Lisbon earthquake - Nov. 1, 1755 (Rev. 6:12-13).

b. The dark day - May 19, 1780 (Mt. 24:29; Rev. 6:12-13).

c. The falling of the stars (Mt. 24:29; Rev. 6:12-13).

d. There are many other signs and prophecies (i.e. The Image of the beast; Mark of the beast; The Seal of God; Armageddon; Death Decrees in America, etc., etc).

4. What role does the Corona virus event play? If we see it as a sign that Jesus is coming soon like He said in Lk. 21:20-24; Mt. 24:32-33, then we will focus in on this event and see what we can learn.

B. Obvious Parallels between riding in the ark in Noah's day and the Corona virus.

1. They were cooped up in the ark.
2. The whole world was affected.
3. They did not know how long it would last.
4. It was truly a traumatic event. Life was different. What were they doing?
 - a. Planning ahead and preparation.
 - b. Feeding, caring for and cleaning up after the animals.
 - c. Leisure time.
 - d. Worship.
 - e. Saying goodbye
5. The world changed after the flood.

C. What lessons can we learn from this COVID-19 event?

1. Are we preparing for His return? What is involved in our preparation?
2. Are we viewing this event as a signpost that His coming is near?
3. Are all the family in the “ark of safety”?
4. We can trust His promises that He will carry us safely through all the traumatic events of life, no matter how rough the ride and how deep the waters (Isa. 41:1-2; Rom. 8:35-39; Ps. 61:1-4; Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:17-22; Ps. 25:1-5).