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## **TOP STORY**

# The Beginning of Sorrows

Who would have thought that we would see a pandemic in our lifetime?

Of course, we have read about plagues, diseases, and pestilence in the scriptures; but reading about it and experiencing it for ourselves are two different things. The coronavirus is not the first virus in the earth. According to history some of the worst cases were the Tallow fever of 1803, Cholera of 1833, Typhus of 1837, and the Spanish flu pandemic 1918-1920.

The Spanish flu has been noted to be the deadliest in history, where an estimated 500 million globally were affected, an estimated 50 million died, including 675,000 Americans. During this time people were ordered to wear mask, schools and businesses were closed and the body count grew in makeshift morgues. Here we are 100 years later, and we are experiencing a modern version where thousands have died schools and business have closed curfews and quarantine have been set in place and people are at unrest.

The coronaviruses are a big family of different viruses that also cause the common cold in humans. The new corona-

virus that causes COVID-19 is said to have first been detected in Wuhan, China, and the experts say the original strand originated in bats and made a jump to humans at an open-air wild market.

This is undoubtedly why President Trump phrased it as the "China virus," which later caused a serious offensive and discriminatory backlash. This may have also been the reason why many Asians were attacked verbally and physically. As the virus became more progressive and the death toll began climbing, fear and panic began sinking in. This disease has not discriminated. It has infected, affected, and killed people in all nations, genders, and socioeconomic statuses.

As of November 21, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 11,843,490 cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States, with 253,600 deaths. Pastor Jennings addressed this pandemic and referred to it as" the beginning of sorrows" in which he said, "This disease is from God." As we have read whenever God was unhappy with the human family, he sent destruction upon the earth to get their attention and to cause them to change their ways and look unto him for deliverance.

### TESTIMONY: THERE IS A GREAT CHANGE IN ME

Hi brothers and sisters! My name is Petros (Peter) Basoukos. I am 36 years old and I live in Athens, Greece. I will give my testimony of how God freed me from sin. At the age of 16, I was on drugs. I was going from prison to rehabilitation programs to the street and repeating the same cycle over and over again. I was an active member of the Greek Socialism Movement. I was a hateful and angry person all my life. Sometimes I tried to stop drugs, but I could not. Every additional use of drugs was worse for me.

"I know now that all that was because of fear ". I was a scared person and to hide that I maintained an angry image. In order to hide my drug addiction, I was involved with extreme racist actions in Greek Nationalist movement. I also tried to escape through relationship with women. I don't want to take much of your time so now I will describe quickly how I came to know God and let Him change my life.

After the last time I was in prison, my soul felt empty and heavy. I knew that my life was messed up and I started to search for God through Greek ancient pagan religion. I did not find anything except the more I tried to do good in my life the worse I became. So when I got out of prison, I decided to do drugs till I died. At that time, many wonderful things came into my life from God because He was dealing with me.

One day I prayed to God to help me. I came back to my parents' home and did not want any drugs for some months. After I had some more experiences with God I believed in Jesus Christ. Before that, I blasphemed and was anti-Christian because I thought that Christianity was a religion made by Jews. I thought they wanted to control Greeks, that Jesus was a Greek Teacher, and other nonsense as I was taught. I was also taught that Africans have a smaller brain than whites, that Greeks were superior, and that Greeks were born from semi gods. I started to question this when an African defeated me at chess every time. He also knew more Greek history than me, so he was smarter.

When I began to believe, I repented of all the violent things. From that moment, I had no more hate or no racist idea or feelings! I sat and listened to others that were discussing political things and noticed that I did not have any interest! Before, I would think, "hey normally you have to take a position now and speak about Greek Superiority..." but I did not feel anything! I had many guilts to fight before, but now I was just totally free.

One day, I went to pray because I was disappointed. I was one month in an evangelical church every Sunday. I read the Scriptures every day. I was free from drugs, rac-

ism, and some of the "hardcore" sins but I did not have complete victory. So I went to pray and for first time I felt strongly the presence of God. I started to speak to Him using His name - Jesus. He showed me my sins and I asked Him for remission. Then I felt so clean and light for first time in my life! Suddenly a Holy fear came upon me that if His presence goes away, I will do the same sins again. So, I asked Him to come into me. I did not know much about the baptism of the Holy Spirit because I attended an evangelical church. When I said, "Jesus please come and live inside me," He just came and I started speaking with other tongues. I felt great! I know that God`s name is Jesus and His nature is Spirit. He told me from the Bible to be baptized in His name. After that I went to a church and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After my baptism, the church split.

The good thing is that God worked through me all those 6 years. The congregation included Africans, Philippines, and Indians. I saw myself with them. However, years ago I could not even eat at the same table with immigrants!

After time there I started to questioned Pastor for the teachings of UPCI and they gave me the opportunity to speak at church some times for 10 minutes. I saw that I could not possibly serve God and stay there. So after I made the decision to leave them, I was gone for one year but communicated with saints from other churches. After one year I begin to question myself. One day I came upon the "Truth of God" Telecast. I never had any respect for televangelists, but I listened again, then a little more. I learned that the reasons I left the UPCI were the same as preached by Brother Gino! So, I continued to listen more. I am confused because many "Christians" don't want me. I want to see more of God's wonderful work here in my country! We have the Holy Scriptures all books (76) in the original Language but the whole country is under apostasy. I pray, read, study, and listen to the Truth of God while I wait for God to act! Glory to God!



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Pastor Jennings mentioned that some of the viewing audience stated that they hoped he would get the coronavirus. Another person said, "I bet he would not say anything if it hit his house." Pastor Jennings in return in his normal bold fashion said, "If it does hit me, I'm still going to preach the gospel, and if I am so weak until you have to move the microphone to my mouth, I'm still going to say, 'Repent!'"

from viewers and listeners. But ask yourself, "Who comes out sick with the coronavirus and leave his family home who are also sick to preach to an empty gymnasium" A lot of pastors have been livestreaming from the comfort of their homes and some in their pajamas. Pastor Jennings has been saying for years that whatever come his way and as long as he has life, he will preach the gospel. In various situations and conditions, he has lived up to his word and done exactly that.

Who knew it would actually come to pass?

livestream services 1315-1316, it was apparent that Pastor Jennings was ill. This was nothing new to those that have known Pastor Jennings for years. He has been known to preach while sick more than most people have known. However, it was not until Pastor

Jennings revealed during the following

LIVE streaming service #1320, that many understood why he was sick. He said, "The coronavirus hit my house and infected everyone in the house." He also revealed that it was also the reason he moved his reader,

"The coronavirus hit my house and infected everyone in the house." tremendously, but the Truth of God message has not missed a beat. We have continued to host services, while practicing compliancy with state laws and social distancing. The services are being live streamed, with plans to stream the weekday services. Souls are still being baptized in the name of

Jesus Christ and receiving the Holy Ghost.

Some people consider essential workers as those

This pandemic has slowed down our way of life

that work in the medical field, police, firemen and others that have been deemed by the presidents, governors, and mayors. What could be more essential than having someone to feed your soul so that when you do depart this life you can have eternal rest with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Say what you want about Pastor Gino Jennings, but he has proven to be a faithful servant. Pastor Jennings is truly a gift from God to the human family. Please keep him in your prayers.



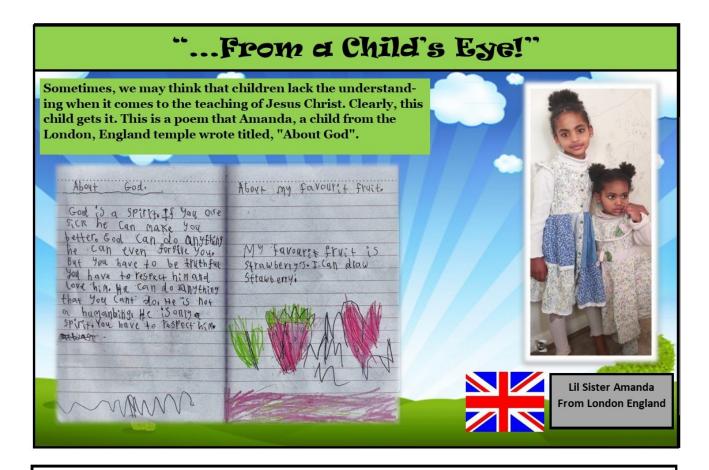
Livestream Service 1315-1316

Minister Steven Williams, further away and divided him by Plexiglass. Pastor Jennings told the viewers, "People did not know, but because of the love for my brother, I moved him over so I would not infect him.

I was ill, with my body wrapped in pain and fever." Nevertheless, he said he could feel the prayers of the saints all over the world. Of course, he received a lot of criticism and backlash



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### \*\* Hint \*\* All the answers can be found on our social media outlets for the Year of 2020

- 1. Who did Evangelist Taj Utsey address on September 26, 2020 in a livestream and how many souls went down in the name of Jesus Christ?
- 2. How many souls were baptized in Porterville, California and who was the Ministering Brother?
- 3. What was the first location to host the Mobile baptism service and how many were baptized?
- 4. What news paper interviewed Pastor Jennings concerning the statement he made "If black lives matter", Why are we killing each other, Abusing our women and selling each other drugs?
- 5. What was the date of the first baptism that took place in our new constructed baptismal pool and who were the two relatives of Pastor Jennings that he baptized personally?
- 6. What was the last city and state Pastor visited and held a service during the Corona Pandemic?
  - sbiroff, Florida
  - 5. July 12, 2020, Pastor Jennings oldest and youngest brother
    - 4. The Tribune
    - 3. FT Worth Texas, 103
    - 2. 11, Minister Santana
    - 1. The Saints in the Netherlands, 5