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IN THE LAST DAYS, THERE SHALL BE PESTILENCE



Pieter Bruegel's "The Triumph of Death," depicting plague in the 16th century
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Matthew 24:7 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”

We are all conscience of the rise of wars, and rumors of wars that have been getting more and more frequent. Wars like in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Ukraine, North Korea, Syria, and now ISIS are all over the news. No matter what a politician says, this world is becoming more dangerous, not peaceful as our lame-duck president would have us believe. Ever notice the amount of earthquakes that have exponentially grown in the last 10 years? The earth is being shaken and tribulation is coming upon the earth. I’m not talking about the 7 last years of God’s wrath, written in Daniel, spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24, in Revelation, and Paul spoke of in 1st Thessalonians chapter 5. I’m talking about the run-up to this awful period of human history known as the Tribulation and the Great Tribulation. These signs are a warning, a trumpet call to those who will listen and repent before it is too late. Now let us turn to what has caught the attention of the “lame stream media” and has gotten everyone becoming afraid....PESTILENCE.

Jesus plainly spoke about that during the last days of human history that there would be pestilence. We shall call them modern day plagues. I truly believe now that the last days are upon us, and we see diseases that modern science thought they had all but eradicated. Mutations of killer diseases have again found a way to rise again in our so called “modern age”. These diseases are so virulent that our antibiotics and treatments have all but become ineffective to destroy them. What is the definition of the word I just used...virulent? The dictionary says “a substance that is harmful, but synonyms of virulent would be poisonous, toxic, venomous, noxious, deadly, fatal,

dangerous, and destructive, just to name a few. In my lifetime, I have seen plagues such as polio, scarlet fever, small pox and tuberculosis all but eradicated but these have returned in a mutated form that we cannot cure.

Now we have the deadly Ebola virus that is all over the news. We thought that this was an African problem that only spread by close contact with another infected person's body fluids, but has reported to have mutated to being transmitted through the air from a person's cough, much like TB. Or you can pick it up on surfaces where the virus has been deposited and can live for hours, or days unless destroyed by sunlight. You can go to your local ATM and touch the keypad that is sheltered out of the sun, and pick up this disease. You can ride the subway, or a taxi cab and be exposed. But hey, we're not in Africa, we're in America. It can't come here. But oh, it has.

Reported cases of patients exposed in Africa coming to Georgia, to Bethesda Maryland Naval Hospital, or a report of one in Nebraska that was being treated from being exposed in Liberia, or other West African countries in a "controlled" manner in those local hospitals and transferred from Africa to the homeland. But now we learn that the first case of unprotected Ebola has come to Dallas, Texas and the man has come in contact with untold amount of people on the airplane flight here to the USA, doctors and nurses at the hospital where he went for treatment of flu like symptoms, and school children who have returned to their schools. The spread could become exponential in the amount of exposure, to where one expert says, unless stopped will cover the entire USA and the world.

WE WERE WARNED

It was said way back in 1993 that a pandemic of Biblical proportions would come because of the huge amount of the earth's population:

"One professor of microbiology at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra, Australia, told a conference of his peers in Sydney: "We don't know what it [the plague] will be, or where it will be, but there will be one, we only have to look at history." He cites deteriorating refugee conditions worldwide, fast-increasing populations, high-risk sexual habits and the scarcity of pure drinking water as factors that presage global epidemics (*Intelligence Digest*, September 3, 1993, p. 3)."

That was over 20 years ago it was warned that a plague would come, and this Ebola could be that plague. How did it mutate to become the next big human killer of possible millions? I'm not into conspiracy theories, but the fact that many have questioned why and how this could be happening, poses the question "Is this a natural occurring phenomenon or something sinister has been unleashed upon an unsuspected planet?" Here's a quote from an article I just read and you can read it for yourself at this URL:

EBOLA, A BIO-WEAPON OF WAR

But the first words of the opening paragraph should give anyone pause:

"Simply stated, the **Ebola Virus is a bioterrorism weapon and is airborne**. Those are big statements. The facts will show a unique trail and why the US Federal Government does not want you to know these frightening truths. This is not meant to panic anyone, but inform them of the facts that are being withheld from the American public."

In reading this article, would any government allow such a dangerous disease loose in any country? Think on what one scientist said that needs to happen to "save the planet".

"At first, I thought someone was making a really stupid April Fool's joke, but apparently it is true that the Texas Distinguished Scientist of 2006, University of Texas ecologist Eric Pianka told a meeting of the Texas Academy of Science that '90 percent of his fellow human beings must die' in order to save the planet. A very disturbed Forrest M. Mims III -- Chairman of the Environmental Science Section of the Texas Academy of Science, writing at *The Citizen Scientist* -- reported:

Professor Pianka said the Earth as we know it will not survive without drastic measures. Then, and without presenting any data to justify this number, he asserted that the only feasible solution to saving the Earth is to reduce the population to 10 percent of the present number."

Can you say, Ebola? It's rate of morbidity (rate of disease symptoms) and mortality (death) of an infected person approaches near 100%. Now let's make some hypothetical math equations. If we take what has happened in Africa to their population, it has been mathematically calculated that compared to the country of Liberia which has a population of 4.2 million people, let us examine what it would be like if calculated to the population of the USA. If 3692 cases of Ebola have been diagnosed in Liberia and those 3692 cases have a fatality rate of 54%, 1998 people have died in Liberia alone. Of that number 3692, represents 0.0086% of the population:

"If that same infection and death rate were applied to the United States Ebola would infect 269,000 people and of those 156,281 would die.

Now, if as doctors and scientists fear, the basic reproduction rate rises to 2 in Liberia the numbers change very quickly. Using the mean average incubation time of 9 days it would take around 13 weeks for the entire population of Liberia to become infected. (10 doublings starting with 3692 = just under the population of Liberia. This multiplied by 9 days gives us 90 days which divided by 7 gives 12.85 weeks.) Of the 4,290,000 people infected 2,316,000 would lose their lives.

This is just Liberia, not the other affected countries in West Africa.

Translated to an equivalent outbreak in the United States, where the basic reproduction rate is also 2, the numbers are horrifying. Starting with patient zero it would take around 245 days, 35 weeks for every person in the United States to become infected. Of those 171,180,000 people would die. (27.17 doublings x 9 days = 245 days =35 weeks)"

These figures are pulled from the CDC website and the percentages are correct, so if these percentages were applied to the USA, you could see a pandemic the like we have never seen before in our lifetime.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Taking the words of our Lord seriously, I claim also His promises. First and foremost is my faith in my God. I am reminded of the words written in Psalm 91 and it has been my rock of divine protection whenever danger is about me.

91:5 "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

91:6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

That is our promise from God, that no weapon formed against us shall prosper; but that's not given to all of humanity. This promise is made to the child of God, the redeemed man and woman, and the Christian who walks with God daily.

God has not called us to fear: II Timothy,

1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

God shows us what is coming and he gives us tools to combat the coming man-made tribulation. Note that I say, man made. We are not part of the wrath of God that will be coming on the whole world during the "real" Tribulation and Great Tribulation, but that is no assurance that we won't be tried in our faith when evil men come on the scene and plan an evil scheme. This could be the run up to even more death and destruction, when God

gets really involved and the prophecies of Revelation start to unfold in real time and God pours out His wrath on all humanity that is still on this planet.

In the coming days, before the actual wrath of God reigns down on this earth, God shows us and will lead us to make the right decisions to protect ourselves prior to the removal of His church to the portals of glory, and when we have done all we can do, He will take over and do the hard part. What we can do right now, is something I wish to share with you and my family has already taken the precautions should this Ebola become a pandemic....and from all I have been reading, it's not a question of "if" it will be a pandemic, but **when**. It's coming and a person of a sound Christian mind takes the steps to protect himself and rely on God to fulfill His promise quoted in Psalm 91. I direct you now to a product called Bio-Active Silver Hydrosol. Reading up on this product that boost your immune system and destroys viruses...like Ebola. I found ours on Swanson Health and it's going fast and most are out of stock. It is reported, also, spices like oregano, cinnamon and Vitamin D can build the immune system but the Silver Hydrosol destroys the virus. It's not being widely reported as the powers that be wish to hide what is coming and the protection available.

Now God is able to protect His people in trying times like we are bound to see, before we are lifted out of here, so not giving an endorsement to any treatment and praying fervently about it, the wise person does not tempt God, but allows God to lead him and to use the Holy Spirit's direction to protect one's self. Remember the words that Jesus said and I opened with a portion of that passage found in Matthew 24?

24:8 "All these are the beginning of sorrows."

We are seeing these played out in our present time, wars, rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes and now killer plagues. What do you do reader when the prophesied Tribulation is actually on the scene? We have so-called man-made biological weapons being formed for the purpose of population control and how sick is that? But know that there is coming a time when everything that is good and Holy will be removed from this planet and then all "hell" literally will be loosed on this earth. The only thing holding back the total annihilation of life on earth, by men, by Satan and his demon horde, is the Holy Spirit residing in men and women of faith, washing in the blood of the Lamb, King Jesus from the sacrifice He gave 2000 years ago. He died to save all who believe on His name.

TAKE NOT THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN

I heard a great message from another brother in the ministry and he opened my eyes to something I had not thought about. It's found in the 3rd Commandment of the written Word of God given to Moses on Mt. Sinai..."Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"...now most folks thought that meant using God's name in a curse word...My dad was bad about that to his own shame, but that is not what God meant. Those of who call ourselves "Christian" we take the name of Jesus Christ..."followers of Jesus Christ"...that's what the word "Christian" means. But if we take the name as a label, or moniker about our necks and don't live like we follow Him, are we taking His name "Christian" in vain? Have we not broken the 3rd commandment? Yes, we have. You can't play with God. You can't proclaim, "I'm a Christian" and not live it. You have just taken the name of the Lord in vain. If you're not living it, then how many sins are you committing that have not been repented of...are you even a Christian or just a pew warmer?

When I speak of all the protections that are afforded to the "Christian" and I'm talking the true, blood washed follower of Jesus Christ, when evil comes to your dwelling in the form of a plague, or terrorism, or say even a local thug who wishes to do you harm, are you guaranteed any protection from God because you go to church on Sunday, or any other day of the week and have the label "Christian" but live like the devil and no one can tell you apart from the drunk lying in the gutter in front of the local bar? Can you claim these promises? No, you cannot.

"God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

.Friend, the hour grows short and the signs are all around us. Signs in the heavens shout the message, as I've covered in past messages. The signs on the earth that grow exponentially louder as the earth groans for it's redemption from a sin cursed world. Epidemics and plagues that have risen again and are even more severe and dangerous than when we last saw them or read about them. And that's just this side of the Tribulation when it begins and kicks into high gear in the last 3.5 years called the Great Tribulation that if the "time was not

shortened, no flesh would be saved”. Matthew:24:21 “ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

24:22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect"s sake those days will be shortened.”

I had a dear sister stand up in church today and plead with the congregation as she proclaimed, “people we need to get serious about living for God, NOW”. She read from these words:

Hebrews 12:25 “See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.”

Jesus words in Matthew 24 are written to announce the coming Tribulation and these signs we are seeing, are the “beginning of sorrow”. Folks, it is here...

As my sister said today, “It is time to get serious about living for God”. I am in agreement and plead with all who will listen and take action to make your “calling and election sure”. 2nd Peter,

1:10 “ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

I blow the trumpet as a sound of warning. Please, heed the call and make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, in word and indeed. The time grows short to make that decision for God, as the Tribulation hour looms on the horizon. This is Pastor Mike Taylor, praying God’s love, mercy and protection on each one of you. If you have a need, want prayer, or just a listening ear, drop me a line to realteam1999@sbcglobal.net, God bless you all, till we meet at Jesus feet.