

## CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, this week we are going to examine another of today's events and how they relate to the Word of God the Bible. Jesus, the Prophets of old, and the Apostles spoke very clearly of certain events and occurrences that 'must' take place prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

Two of these which we will focus upon this week are mentioned a number of times in both Old and New Testament as a judgment of God upon the ungodly and a precursor to the return of Jesus Christ. The Word of God tells us in Luke 21:11, "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and ***famines and pestilences***; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."

As I travel the world teaching the Word of God the Bible I am seeing many things that are not being reported in our major news networks (there is really not much of anything being reported by the major news networks just a lot of fluff and worthless information). One of the things that are occurring world wide is the increase of lack of food. The price of food is going up on what seems to be a weekly basis. You who do the grocery shopping know this all too well. I was in Cuba when I wrote a portion of this and the people are becoming desperate for food. The prisons are letting some of the prisoners out because they cannot feed them.

Here in our country we have an area known as the San Joaquin Valley that is one of the most fertile areas in the world capable of producing enough food to feed most of the world. Yet, due to environmentalists much of the waters that are used to irrigate this valley have been shut off in order to save an "endangered" fish. Much of the land that was once lush and flourishing is now a dry desolate wasteland. Shortage of food is a world wide problem. China is going into countries and getting all they can to feed their 1 ½ billion people. (If you want to invest in a worthy commodity, invest in food and water, they will be more valuable than gold one day).

Another contributing factor for the lack of food is the GMO seeds and plants that man has developed. GMO stands for "genetically modified" "It is being proposed that the GMO grains and other foods are having an adverse effect upon live stock, poultry, the bee population as well as the human population. Understandably the large companies such as Monsanto and others who have a huge financial interest in GMO's are very much against any type of research or findings that would be contrary to their products so little information is being divulged.

All that was just said can (I believe is) a major contributor to the "pestilences". The Greek word used for pestilences has to do with sickness and disease. Though there is much research being done on cancer the death toll increases every year. Some forms of infections such as staff are taking on forms that are not affected by our antibiotics. To go into the hospital today you stand a greater risk of acquiring an infection that may kill you.

STD's (sexually transmitted disease) are on an increase with mutated strands that cannot be treated with today's antibiotics. An interesting statistic recently released tells us that there is a dramatic increase among the senior citizen population of STD's which is being contributed to the use of Viagra and other sexually enhancing drugs. AID's continues to increase all over the world without any cure or attempts to educate that the only sure way to keep from contracting the disease is by abstinence. Whooping cough that was thought to be all but extinct has made a come back as well as a number of other sicknesses and diseases.

All of this is not meant to discount the possibility that the Lord bring something totally unrelated to any of the known diseases upon mankind in response to man's persistence in rebellion and sin. We see various examples such as with the plagues on Egypt.

In response to these facts and how they relate to the fulfillment of prophecy, some would argue that we have always had famines and pestilences. This is true but these that will occur in the Last Days will be with intensity unparallel to our day.

One final note, one of the signs that we are seeing as well is the hardening of one's heart to the truth of God and rejection of God's attempts through these catastrophes to turn men to Him. 2 Peter 3:1-6, "Beloved ...knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."