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## **LOCUST PLAGUE OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS THREATENS AFRICAN FAMINE**

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Billions of locusts are eating everything in sight in east Africa right now, and every single day many more farms are being completely wiped out. Unfortunately, authorities are telling us that what we have seen so far is just the tip of the iceberg.

In fact, if extreme measures are not implemented immediately, authorities are claiming that this locust plague could literally get "500 times" worse in a few months.

But it is difficult to imagine conditions getting any worse than they are at this moment. Ravenous locust swarms that are "the size of cities" are consuming crops at a staggering pace, and this could potentially cause famine on the African continent that is unlike anything we have ever seen before.

It can be difficult to imagine a plague of "billions" of locusts. After all, there are only about 7 billion people living on the entire planet.

### **4 PLAGUES ARE MARCHING ACROSS ASIA SIMULTANEOUSLY:**

#### **Coronavirus, African Swine Fever, H5N1 Bird Flu And H1N1 Swine Flu**

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The coronavirus outbreak that is raging all over China right now has been making headlines on a daily basis all over the globe, and rightly so. At this point we don't know if it will ultimately become a horrifying global pandemic that will affect tens of millions of people, but what we do know is that the virus spreads very easily and the number of cases has been rising [at an exponential rate](#). Meanwhile, three other plagues have also been marching across Asia, and most people in the western world don't even realize that this is happening. What I am about to share with you in this article is quite chilling, and the months ahead will be very dark if these plagues continue to spread.

Long before we ever heard of this new coronavirus, African Swine Fever was devastating pork farms from one end of China to the other. There is no vaccine for "pig ebola", there is no cure, and once it hits a farm the only thing that can be done is to kill every single pig so that it won't spread anywhere else. But even though draconian measures have been implemented, it has just kept spreading, and at this point ["about two-thirds of China's swine herd has been lost"](#)...

Video of people fighting over pork at Chinese meat counters will likely become more common as the fallout from the African swine fever outbreak in China progresses.

**QUESTION: From "Got Questions?"**

#### **"WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PANDEMIC DISEASES/SICKNESSES?"**

**Answer:** Various outbreaks of pandemic diseases, such as Ebola or the coronavirus, have prompted many to ask why God allows—or even causes—pandemic diseases and whether such illnesses are a sign of the end times. The Bible, particularly the Old

Testament, describes numerous occasions when God brought plagues and diseases on His people and on His enemies “to make you see my power” (Exodus 9:14, 16). He used **plagues on Egypt** to force Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, while sparing His people from being affected by them (Exodus 12:13; 15:26), thus indicating His sovereign control over diseases and other afflictions.

God also warned His people of the consequences of disobedience, including plagues (Leviticus 26:21, 25). On two occasions, God destroyed 14,700 people and 24,000 people for various acts of disobedience (Numbers 16:49 and 25:9). After giving the Mosaic Law, God commanded the people to obey it or suffer many evils, including something that sounds like Ebola: “The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation . . . which will plague you until you perish” (Deuteronomy 28:22). These are just a few examples of many plagues and diseases God caused.

It’s sometimes hard to imagine our loving and merciful God displaying such wrath and anger toward His people. But God’s punishments always have the goal of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 7:13–14, God said to Solomon, “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will 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.” Here we see God using disaster to draw His people to Himself, to bring about **repentance** and the desire to come to Him as children to their heavenly Father.

In the New Testament, Jesus healed “every disease and every sickness,” as well as plagues in the areas He visited (Matthew 9:35; 10:1; Mark 3:10). Just as God chose to use plagues and disease to show His power to the Israelites, Jesus healed as an exhibition of the same power to verify that He was truly the Son of God. He gave the same healing power to the disciples to verify their ministry (Luke 9:1). God still allows sickness for His own purposes, but sometimes disease, even worldwide pandemics, are simply the result of living in a fallen world. There is no way to determine whether or not a pandemic has a specific spiritual cause, but we do know that God has sovereign control over all things (Romans 11:36) and will work all things together for the good of those who know and love Him (Romans 8:28).

The spread of sicknesses such as Ebola and the coronavirus is a foretaste of pandemics that will be part of the end times. Jesus referred to future plagues associated with the last days (Luke 21:11). The two witnesses of Revelation 11 will have power “to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want” (Revelation 11:6). Seven angels will wield seven plagues in a series of **final, severe judgments** described in Revelation 16.

The appearance of pandemic diseases may or may not be tied to God’s specific judgment of sin. It could also simply be the result of living in a fallen world. Since no one knows the time of Jesus’ return, we must be careful about saying global pandemics are proof that we are living in the end times. **For those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior, disease should be a reminder that life on this earth is tenuous and can be lost at any moment. As bad as pandemics are, hell will be worse.** The Christian, however, has the assurance of salvation and the hope of eternity because of the blood of Christ shed on the cross for us (Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28).

## **AFTER THE FIRES ... FLOODS HIT IN AUSTRALIA**

Heavy rain fell in Sydney and much of eastern NSW on Thursday night and Friday morning, sparking concerns about the risk of flash flooding but also offering relief to bushfire-affected areas. The wild weather also hit south-east Queensland, with storm warnings for the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast. Photograph: Peter Rae/AAP

Heavy rain is drenching large swathes of eastern [New South Wales](#), forcing road closures and sparking concerns about the risk of flash flooding.

The NSW State Emergency Service said on Friday morning it had received 215 call-outs since midnight and more than 500 since the rain set in on Wednesday.

In the northern rivers region, a car was washed off the road and two people had to be rescued from a caravan due to rising floodwaters.

## **CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS IN IRAN GROWS.**

The number of Christians in Iran, operating mostly underground and constantly tailed by the government, has almost doubled since 2016, with Open Doors USA estimates that there are now around 800,000 secret believers in the country.

## **IRANIAN SUPREME LEADER ALI KHAMENEI CALLS FOR ISLAMIC JIHAD AGAINST ISRAEL**

FEB 5. Iran's Supreme leader is calling on the Palestinians to carry out Islamic Jihad against the Jewish State after the unveiling of the White House 'Deal of the Century'; He's also calling on other Muslim countries to support the war against Israel.