



Prophecy in Perspective

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Judgments Come in a Series

A reading of the Word of God shows that the Lord seems often to send judgments in a series. God desires His people to be faithful and obedient for their good. God loves His people, in fact, He loves the whole world, yet He will hold individuals, governments and nations responsible for their sinful motives and actions: ***"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."*** (Psalm 28:3)

Scripture has Israel as its primary focus as a nation. Yet, the blessings and warnings to Israel apply to all other nations as well. So any nation, whose leadership desires to seek the Lord, and whose people follow that leadership, will know God's blessings: ***"All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country."*** (Deuteronomy 28) Conversely, any nation that seeks a false god or gods and whose people follow them, will experience God's curses: ***"But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country."*** (Deuteronomy 28:15-16)

But what does this have to do with America? Everything! Our president and many in governmental leadership today have been put into office by a public that could not care less about God, but only about themselves. Whenever this condition existed in Israel in their Old Testament history, then curses came upon them. These were curses they actually invited upon themselves. They gave Satan much ground through killing their young through pagan sacrifice, today's abortion; and they gave Satan ground by rank immorality, today's "living together," "gay relations and marriage," and pornography. For these and other reasons, God sent judgments upon His people and upon the other nations, often in a series, so that they would understand that God means business!

"For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?"
(Ezekiel 14:21) ISIS, Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other nations consider America their enemy. The

reason for their dislike of us is because God has historically allowed us to be predominantly Judeo-Christian, rich, militarily powerful, a leading missionary-sending nation and very pro-Israel. Yet, leadership in America has clearly rejected God, and the American church has predominantly traded in the God of the Bible for a god of all religions, and especially the god of "Chrislam." We are certainly seeing these four types of judgments coming upon America today. But the one particular judgment I want to emphasize in this issue is that of the pestilences. Ebola is here! God is being ignored and America's current god: supporters of political correctness, are making all the important decisions. Steps are not being taken, like stopping all air travel to the U.S. from the African countries that are affected with this plague. Christians should take biblical prophecy seriously, because God is showing us today that what the Bible said will come to pass in the latter days is happening before our eyes!

"And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy." (Lev 26:25)

"And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." (Luke 21:11)

Ebola 'Could Become Airborne' in Nightmare Scenario, UN Mission Chief Warns

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Medical staff members burn clothes belonging to patients suffering from Ebola, at the French medical NGO Medecins

Sans Frontieres (MSF) in Monrovia

PASCAL GUYOT/AFP/Getty Images

"Virus Has More Chance of Mutating the Longer it Moves Around Human Hosts"

by, Heather Saul Thursday, 02 October 2014

There is a chance the Ebola virus could become airborne if the current outbreak is not contained fast enough, the chief of the UN's Ebola mission has warned. Anthony Banbury, the Secretary General's Special Representative, told *The Telegraph* said workers are facing a race against time to bring the rapid spread under control in case the virus mutates.

"The longer it moves around in human hosts in the virulent melting pot that is West Africa, the more chances increase that it could mutate," he said. "It is a nightmare scenario [that it could become airborne], and unlikely, but it can't be ruled out." His warning comes as the first person was diagnosed with Ebola on US soil on Tuesday evening. An international conference organized by the UK and Sierra Leone governments began on Thursday to discuss the global response to the outbreak.

The current outbreak has infected more than 7,100 people and killed more than 3,300 according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Experts say the disease will continue to spread rapidly unless at least 70 per cent of people who are infected are isolated and prevented from infecting other people. Dozens of Ebola treatment centers have been promised, but they could take weeks or even months to go up.

However, Ebola experts have cautioned that while the chance of the virus actually going airborne is possible, but stressed the chance of this actually occurring remains extremely low. Dr Benjamin Neuman, a virologist at the University of Reading, told *The Independent*: "Essentially, the chances of it actually happening are highly unlikely – we haven't seen evidence that human Ebola has ever done this, and that's good sign considering we've had human Ebola outbreaks over the past 38 years. But anything is possible in biology."



Ahead of the conference, Save the Children warned five people are being infected with the deadly Ebola virus every hour in Sierra Leone, one of the worst hit areas. Mr. Banbury described the crisis as the worst he has seen since during his time working for the UN.

He said: "We have never seen anything like it. In a career working in these kinds of situations, wars, natural disasters – I have never seen anything as serious or dangerous or high risk as this one. I've heard other people saying this as well, senior figures who are not being alarmist. "Behind closed doors, they are saying they have never seen anything as bad. "There is a limited window of opportunity. We need to hit it and we need to hit it hard. We haven't done that but we are doing it now." (<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/ebola-virus-could-become-airborne-in-nightmare-scenario-un-mission-chief-warns-9770496.html>)

America, and the End Times Scenario

There is now also a mysterious Respiratory Virus, which has appeared in 42 states and the District of Columbia. Also, there is another virus that is causing mysterious paralysis in children. Of course most will say that it is overly simplistic to believe that these represent diseases described as judgments of the last days. This is part of the spirit of our age to instantly dismiss the supernatural element in matters of science and medicine.

Yet, those who have open eyes can easily see that four distinct areas of judgment are showing themselves in America today: *First, the sword*: there are great concerns over the military, and security, as in the White House security scandal, and the threats from Islamic Terrorism; *Second, the famine*: there are concerns over lack of sufficient food production because of environmental efforts to confiscate lands and restrict their use, as well as thousands of people going hungry in America; *Third, the noisome beast*: there are growing reports of problems with wildlife, bears, etc., threatening and attacking humans; *Forth*, there is the sudden rise of the pestilence in America. All of these combine to tell us that America is on notice from the Lord that He takes our sins seriously.

Dr. Tom Frieden, of the Center for Disease Control, vowed concerning Ebola in America that: "we will stop it here." Yet, God has ways of slipping things through the cracks of human precaution. In reality, Ebola patient, Thomas Eric Duncan, managed to bypass the so called restrictions and precautions set up in Liberia, West Africa by simply lying on a form which asked if he had been in contact with someone with Ebola. He answered "no" when he had actually helped to move a woman to the hospital who was dying of the disease. Then, at Presbyterian Hospital, in Dallas, where he went to get checked out for fever and sickness, some type of reported glitch authorized the hospital to send Mr. Duncan home when he was actually suffering from the symptoms of Ebola. We should pray for Mr. Duncan and his family, but also pray for our leadership to dump the godless political correctness that are sure to hinder and even thwart any real action to keep people from affected countries from traveling here.

For the Christian, our hope is sure. The Lord Jesus Christ could descend at any moment to call us up to heaven to our prepared place in the Father's house. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) After the rapture of the church, then the seven year Tribulation will begin. In the following passage we can see the specific detail the Lord has given to us on the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of the Tribulation time. In the midst of the Tribulation there will be a lull in the judgments that God will bring on the earth. Then more horrible judgments will be poured out, for three and one half years more until the Lord returns to earth.

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting. (Habakkuk 1:1-6)

I have heard thy speech, which probably refers to the "reports" of news the Tribulation Saints will hear of the return of the Lord Jesus. At least seven years after the rapture of the church, Jesus will return to Teman, or the land of ancient Moab, near the city of Petra. (Micah 2:12-13, Isaiah 34:1-6, and Isaiah 63:1-7). This is present day Jordan. He will then make His way to Israel and the Mount of Olives, conquering Israel's enemies along the way. (Zechariah 14:2-5) Look at the awesome description of the Lord when He returns. Pay close attention to the words: Before him went the pestilence. The return of Jesus Christ to the earth will be terrifying to His enemies who will be gathered at Armageddon to destroy Israel. When the Lord is on His way

to destroy His enemies and rescue His people, **the pestilence** will go before Him. I believe, the pestilence, so often predicted in the Bible, is being manifested today in America, and around the world, as an indication of the soon coming of Jesus Christ. These are sent to awaken us to our need for God.

Now, notice the words: **revive thy work in the midst of the years.** This will evidently be the time of the middle of the seven year Tribulation. There will be a temporary cessation of judgments at that time. The Tribulation Saints at that time, the 144,000 of Revelation chapter seven and others will pray for God to revive His work of judgment, which would hasten the Lord's return. They will ask God, that as He brings His just wrath on the wicked, to **remember mercy.** Many in the Tribulation will refuse the mark of the Beast and will be saved by faith in Israel's Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. This will certainly be evidence of God's mercy during that time.

Today, we should pray a similar prayer for revival. We should pray for a revival of conviction in the church to stand for truth; We should pray for a revival of judgments for the sake of bringing the rebellious to conviction and repentance; We should pray for a revival of seeking God to show His mercy for people, Jew, Gentiles, and people of false religions, to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and to serve and obey the Living God with all their heart. For God to do a work of revival America, He must first stir the hearts of His own people. This is what He desires to do, if we would only stop resisting Him and repent of compromising His Word, and pray, then He would hear and do a mighty work of blessing in this land. Once again, America can be a real source of blessing to Israel and the world, when we find our source in the Lord.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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.

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

- The Second Coming of Jesus is going to be the greatest event of all of the ages. It is one of the grand theological truths taught in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
- The New Birth is vitally important, but it is mentioned only nine times in the New Testament.
- Baptism is vitally important, but it is mentioned only 20 times in the New Testament.
- Repentance is mentioned only 70 times in the Bible, as important and needful as that is.
- **But the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned in God's Word at least 380 times.**

One out of every 25 verses points with an eager finger to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How are you getting ready for His Second Coming? What if He came this very hour? (<http://www.lwf.org>)

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