

## HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES

### *Pandemics, Pestilences and Prophecy*

become more frequent and intense as we near the end of time.

#### IS GOD IN CHARGE OF PANDEMICS?

##### 1. Who is God?

*He who does not love does not know God, for God is \_\_\_\_\_*  
1 John 4:8

##### 2. What is the condition of our world?

*And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow \_\_\_\_\_.* Matthew 24:12

##### 3. Where is God in all this?

*For God so loved the world that He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* John 3:16

*But God demonstrates His own \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*  
Romans 5:8

*I am \_\_\_\_\_ you always, even to the end of the age.*  
Matthew 28:20

##### 4. Is God responsible for pain and evil?

*He [Jesus] said to them, "An \_\_\_\_\_ has done this." Matthew 13:28*

God often gets blamed for the evil in the world—evil that is, in fact, the work of a fallen angel named Satan, the enemy of love and peace. (See also: Isaiah 14:12-14; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:14)

##### 5. What has God done to prove His love?

*For the wages of sin is death, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23

#### IS THERE A PURPOSE FOR PESTILENCE?

##### 1. Pestilence demonstrates the consequence of sin and rebellion against God.

*But your iniquities have \_\_\_\_\_ you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.* Isaiah 59:2

##### 2. Pestilence illustrates the importance of faith and total dependence upon God.

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will \_\_\_\_\_." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.* Psalm 91:1-3

#### WHAT PROPHECY SAYS ABOUT PANDEMICS AND PESTILENCE

##### 1. The signs Jesus shared with His disciples were signs of what great event?

*"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the age?"*  
Matthew 24:3

##### 2. What are some of the signs associated with the very last days before Jesus returns?

*For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, \_\_\_\_\_ , and earthquakes in various places.* Matthew 24:7

##### 3. What illustration does Jesus use when describing the signs of the Second Coming?

*All these are the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.* Matthew 24:8

Jesus used the illustration of childbirth as an example to describe the signs of His return. Just as birth contractions increase in frequency and intensity as a mother gets closer to the birth of her child, so the signs of Christ's return

#### IS GOD IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE?

##### What assurance belongs to those who learn to trust in Christ?

*He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that you have eternal life.* 1 John 5:12, 13

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