

The Final Countdown – Worldwide Upheaval

Part 1

Well hey, believe it or not, one of the things I found in my office when I was moving in, was this diary thing, and listen to what happened on this day. The person said...

“As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. And recently, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, and so the service was to be at a pauper’s cemetery in the far corner of Las Vegas. Way out in the back country.

Well, I was not familiar with the backwoods of Vegas, so I got lost; and being a typical guy, I didn’t stop and ask for directions. So I finally arrived “an hour late” and I noticed the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

But then I noticed the diggers and the crew were still there, and they were eating lunch. So, I felt bad and apologized to the men for being late, and I went to the side of the grave and looked down, and the vault lid was already in place. I didn’t know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I’ve never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played ‘Amazing Grace,’ the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. And when I had finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

And as I was opening the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, ‘I never seen nothin’ like that before, and I’ve been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.’”

Apparently folks, that was the day when Pastor Jim switched to the trumpet! And how many of you guys would say that he had a serious rude awakening, you know what I'm saying? Uh huh! That'll make you switch your mind on instruments in a hurry, won't it? But that's right folks, believe it or not, Pastor Jim is not alone. The Bible says one day **the whole planet** is going to be in for a **rude awakening** at the rapture of the Church and they're going to be **changing their tune** real quick! And that's because they just entered the 7-year Tribulation and it ain't no joke! And for those of you who don't know, the 7-year Tribulation and is not a party. It's an outpouring of God's wrath on a wicked and rebellious planet. In fact Jesus said in **Matthew 24** it's going to be a "time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. And that "unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed."

But praise God, God's not only a God of wrath, He's a God of love as well. And **because He loves you and I**, He's given us many warning signs to show us when the Tribulation was near and Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching. Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, a serious rude awakening, we're going to continue in our study, **The Final Countdown**. And so far we've already seen how the **#10** sign on **The Final Countdown**

was **The Jewish People**. And then **last two** times we saw how the **#9** sign was **Modern Technology**. And there we saw that God lovingly foretold you and I that when we see across the world an **Increase of Travel**, an **Increase of Information**, and an **Increase of Unrest** and **last time** an **Increase of Bible Fulfillment** with the **Death of the Two Witnesses**, **The Deception of the False Prophet**, and **The Death & Demands of the Antichrist** showing us that we really have for the first time in mankind's history the technology to pull all these things off. And therefore, the message is clear. Uh, you better wake up! This is a clear indicator from God, **you're living in the last days**.

But that's not all! That's not the only sign God has given us to wake us up. The **#8** sign on **The Final Countdown** is none other than **Worldwide Upheaval**. In other words, the planet is really going to get messed up! But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

Matthew 24:1-8 ““Jesus left the temple and was walking away when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to its buildings. Do you see all these things? He asked. I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. Tell us, they said, when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?

Jesus answered: Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, I am the Christ, and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

Now folks, according to our text, the Bible is clear. One of the **first signs** to indicate that we are headed for **Worldwide Upheaval** and hence living in the last days, is that there would be what? An **Increase of Famines**. Now, the scoffer would look at this passage and sarcastically state, “Famines are no big deal, we’ve always had famines.” And granted yes, that is true. **But not like we see today!** People, we better wake up! **In the last century alone**, we have seen nothing short of an explosion of **worldwide famines** like never before. The World Health Organization estimates that while 1/3 of the world is well-fed, another 1/3 are under-fed and the final 1/3 **is starving to death right now**. Just in the 1990’s alone, **100 million** children starved to death and a total of **4 million people** will die this year alone. And this means that by the time you are done reading this chapter, about **200 people** will have died due to food shortages.

But the question is, how can there be such an increase of worldwide famine when we are living in the most technologically advanced era ever? Well, some are caused by war, embargoes, government corruption, or economic debt. But it’s also caused by overzealous environmentalists who have stirred up restrictions on the usage of fertilizers, which is one of the

reasons why **12,000 square miles a year** of Africa is now turning into desert. That doesn't sound like saving the earth to me!

And speaking of deserts, the Africans are not the only ones with this problem. So are the Chinese. Today as we speak, China is losing **4,000 square miles** of land to deserts each year. About 1/3 of their total land has now been covered by desert in the form of massive drifting sand dunes. And in just **one** of their famines, it killed an estimate 20-43 million people! In fact, throughout the world, **a land area bigger than the state of Texas** is becoming deserts, **every single year**. And no matter what people try to do to reverse it, the deserts just keep on coming. And so guess what? **So will the famine**. In fact, let's take a look at just how bad it really is **right now!**

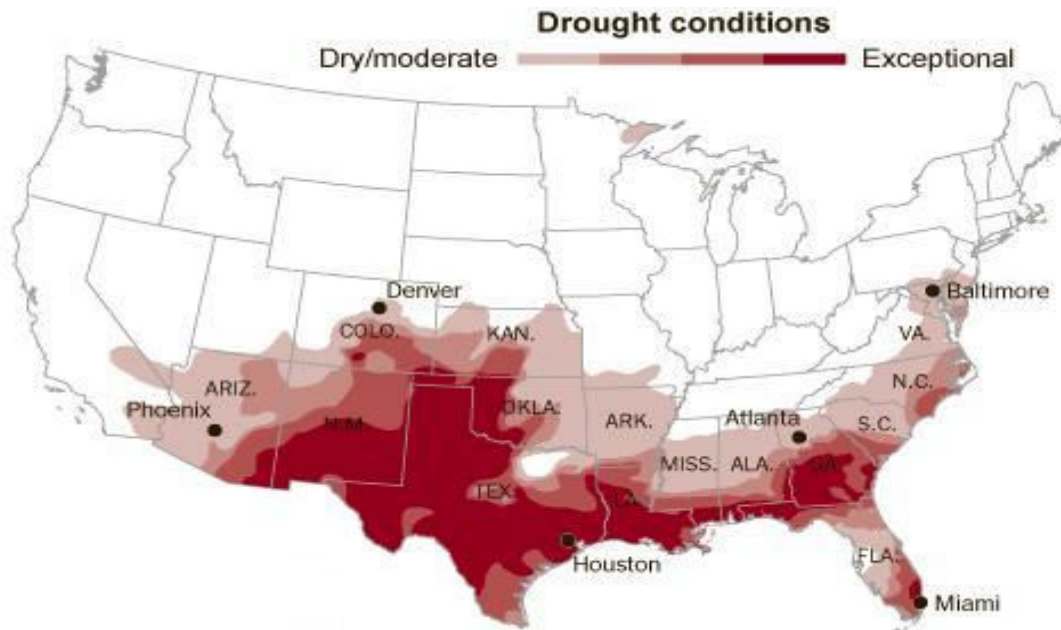
- In the Asian, African and Latin American countries, well over 500 million people are living in what the World Bank has called "absolute poverty."
- Every year 15 million children die of hunger.
- For the price of one missile, a school full of hungry children could eat lunch every day for 5 years.
- Throughout the 1990's more than 100 million children will die from illness and starvation. Those 100 million deaths could be prevented for the price of ten Stealth bombers, or what the world spends on its military in two days!
- One in twelve people worldwide is malnourished, including 160 million children under the age of 5.

- The Indian subcontinent has nearly half the world's hungry people. Africa and the rest of Asia together have approximately 40%, and the remaining hungry people are found in Latin America and other parts of the world.
- Nearly one in four people, 1.3 billion - a majority of humanity - live on less than \$1 per day, while the world's 358 billionaires have assets exceeding the combined annual incomes of countries with 45 percent of the world's people.
- 3 billion people in the world today struggle to survive on US \$2/day.
- In 1994 the Urban Institute in Washington DC estimated that one out of 6 elderly people in the U.S. has an inadequate diet.
- In the U.S. hunger and race are related. In 1991 46% of African-American children were chronically hungry, and 40% of Latino children were chronically hungry compared to 16% of white children.
- The infant mortality rate is closely linked to inadequate nutrition among pregnant women. The U.S. ranks 23rd among industrial nations in infant mortality. African-American infants die at nearly twice the rate of white infants.
- One out of every eight children under the age of twelve in the U.S. goes to bed hungry every night.
- Half of all children under five years of age in South Asia and one third of those in sub-Saharan Africa are malnourished.
- In 1997 alone, the lives of at least 300,000 young children were saved by vitamin A supplementation programs in developing countries.
- Malnutrition is implicated in more than half of all child deaths worldwide - a proportion unmatched by any infectious disease since the Black Death.
- About 183 million children weigh less than they should for their age.

- To satisfy the world's sanitation and food requirements would cost only US \$13 billion - what the people of the United States and the European Union spend on perfume each year.
- The assets of the world's three richest men are more than the combined GNP of all the least developed countries on the planet.
- Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger.
- It is estimated that some 800 million people in the world suffer from hunger and malnutrition, about 100 times as many as those who actually die from it each year.

Now folks, as gut-wrenching as that is, believe it or not, it's projected to get even worse. And I quote, "There are fears over our **global** food supply." Wheat prices have gone through the roof, countries are suffering their worst droughts on record, and food shortages have been the worst in the last 30 years, which has spawned riots on many different countries. And 800,000 children are expected to die just in the Horn of Africa alone!

And lest you think it's not going to hit here in America **you're wrong!** And I quote, "Drought is spreading across 14 states from Florida to Arizona. And in Texas, where the drought is worst, virtually no part of the state has been untouched. And I quote, "The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated all 254 counties in Texas as **natural disaster areas.**" In fact, here's the photo of how fast it's spreading across America.



Hmmm. Looks like it's spreading **just like China**. As one person stated, "This is quite serious." And another person stated, "We are headed for a **global crisis**...one that would match the current one in the banking sector," only this one has to do with **food**.

And as bad as this is, **right now**, believe it or not, that's nothing compared to what's coming. Remember what Jesus said. All these signs of **famine** are just the **beginning of birth pains**, which means the "big one" is yet to come! For instance, ladies, how many of you found **real fast**, that the closer you got to the actual birth of your child that the pain got worse and worse and more intense until the actual birth of your child? It's called **birth pains** and that's the exact same verbiage Jesus used here. Which means, all

these famines that we see **right now**, as bad as they are, are nothing compared to what is coming! It's just a **small tiny contraction** compared to the big one that's coming down the pike. Let's take a look.

Revelation 6:5-6 “When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

Now folks, according to our text, here we see that the famine conditions during the first half of the 7-year Tribulation is going to be so bad that the whole world is going to be on some sort of **global food distribution program** just to stay alive. Only this time, to get your food **you have to work for it**. What'd it say? A quart of **wheat** was given for one day's work, **or** you could get three quarts of **barley** for a days work. And for those of you who do not know, barley, back in the day, was basically poor man's food, it was pretty much animal food with low nutritional value, **so here's the point**. This famine in the 7-year Tribulation is so bad, you could either work a day and feed yourself with somewhat normal food, **or** you could work a day and feed a family of three with animal food just to stay alive. And for those of you who might be having a hard time conceptualizing what this might be like, let's see how this family is surviving **today**, and you tell me if we're not getting close to what the Bible talks about.

“Twelve million people are affected by this severe drought and this famine. 600,000 or more children are acutely malnourished. This is really like teetering on the brink of life or death.

The center of this crisis is the Horn of Africa. This is Somalia and Ethiopia and Kenya are the three main countries involved here. Where it's worst right now is in Somalia. This is the most significant humanitarian crisis in the world today. The largest refugee camp in the world is growing day by day because of people who are escaping their country because of instability and a simple lack of food and water.

This happens family by family. One mom and dad waking up in the morning and realizing there's nothing left, and they have to go. These families are setting out on a road trip usually on foot and they're doing it in the most hazardous environment you can imagine. They are at risk of wild animals, banditry, people who don't wish them well, and it's scary.

One family really stands out in my mind is, that is a reflection on what's really happening. They have a son about three years old, as old as my daughter, who became so desperate that he ate dirt just to have something in his belly. This is what parents have to deal with in the middle of nowhere where their child dies.”

Now folks, the general rule in Biblical interpretation is that anything we can come up with in our minds to try to explain a text, usually pales in comparison to the actual reality. And so put yourself in that family's shoes. They **right now** are eating dirt to stay alive, and as bad as that is, it pales in comparison to the actual famine conditions during the 7-year Tribulation. Which means, one day, if you refuse to accept Jesus Christ as your Personal Lord and Savior, your family is going to end up **worse** than that one!

Folks, as you can clearly see, the world is being **shriveled** like never before. Yes, we may have always had famines, **but nothing like we see**

today. And as bad as it is **now**, it's just a **birth pain**, a little one, a tiny one, compared to the **big one** that's coming down the pike. Exactly like the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the last days.

Oh but that's not all. The **second sign** to indicate that we are headed for **Worldwide Upheaval** and hence are living in the last days, is that there would be an **Increase of Earthquakes**.

Matthew 24:3,7,8 "As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. Tell us, they said, when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."

And again, the scoffer would look at this passage and sarcastically state, "Earthquakes are no big deal, we've always had earthquakes." And granted yes, that is true. We've always had earthquakes, **but not like we see today!** People, we better wake up! **In the last century alone**, we have seen nothing short of an explosion of **worldwide earthquakes** like never before, and the ground is **cracking up** all over the planet! And I quote, "Scientists are sounding the alarm: Mysterious cracks are appearing all across the planet!" Check it out for yourself.

- South America – Scientists don't know what to think about South America busting at the seams. In Southern Peru, there suddenly appeared a huge crack almost 2 miles long and nearly 330 feet wide. Scientists are confused with this fact and cracks also appeared in neighboring Bolivia.

- Iceland – Lake Kleifarvatn in Iceland is disappearing due to a giant crack that appeared in the earth. The crack leads directly into the lake and disappears beneath the water. “If you put your ear to the ground, you can hear the lake draining. It sounds like water going down a sink.”
- Africa – A 1,640 foot long giant crack appeared in Africa in just a few days that normally would take years to form. Scientists believe this tear in the earth’s continental crust could eventually isolate Ethiopia and Eritrea from the rest of Africa. And lest you think it won’t hit here in America....
- Michigan – One day the land was flat and filled with trees shooting straight into the air. Twenty-four hours later there’s a 600-foot-long crack, 4-feet deep twisting its way through the woods - and those vertical trees are now pointed 30 degrees left and right where the earth has mounded 15 feet high. No, it’s not a disaster movie; it’s what happened Monday at the home of Eileen Heider on Bay de Noc Road in Birch Creek.

Heider was sitting in her recliner watching TV at about 8:30 that morning. “The chair shook for a few seconds and I thought the spring in the chair went,” she said. Heider heard a noise at the same time. She checked her chair and around the house inside and out but couldn’t find anything unusual.

Heider wasn’t alone. A neighbor across the road told her she heard a boom while taking a shower and that her husband was leaning against the washing machine and said he felt it move, even though it wasn’t running.

Another neighbor said he heard a boom and closed his window thinking it was thunder but then noticed the sky was clear.

The next day Heider’s friend, Doug Salewski, found a hole in the ground and a 200-yard crevasse a short ways away which wasn’t there before. Heider went to investigate and said the crack was three-feet wide and about five-feet deep in spots.”The trees on one side are kind of tilted and on the other side are tilted the opposite way,” she said.

Heider call authorities and Michigan State Trooper Paul Anderson from the Stephenson Post came out to take a look. “There’s no gas line or anything, I have no answers to it,” he said. “It heaved the ground 10 to 15 feet. I mean the ground used to be flat and now it’s just heaved, it heaved

the entire ground.” Anderson said he’d follow up with phone calls to geologists at Michigan Tech.

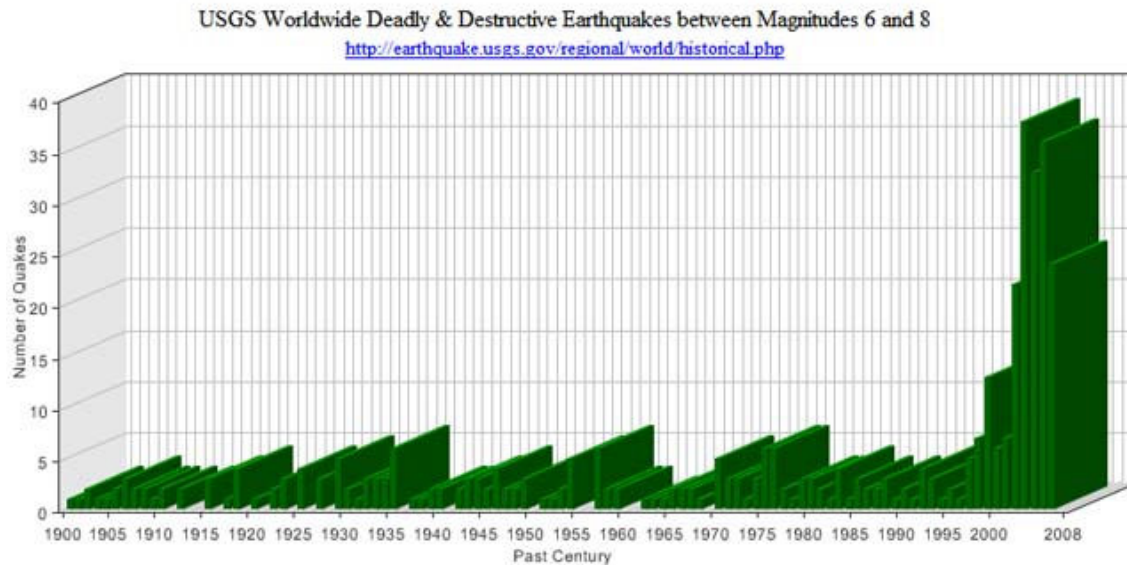
Hmmm. I wonder if that’s what’s going to happen to the U.S. We’re going to crack right down the middle like in Ethiopia? And lest you think that’s not possible, you need to realize that the ground is not only **cracking up** all over the planet, but the earthquakes are getting **bigger**, all over the planet! Check this out!

EARTHQUAKES 6.0 OR GREATER

From 1000 AD to 1800	21	(800 Years)
From 1800 to 1900	18	(100 Years)
From 1910 to 1929	4	(20 Years)
From 1930 to 1949	9	(20 Years)
In 1950’s	9	(10 Years)
In 1960’s	13	(10 Years)
In 1970’s	51	(10 Years)
In 1980’s	86	(10 Years)
From 1990 to 1994	Over 100	(5 Years)

EARTHQUAKES IN GENERAL

December 26 th , 2006	454	(1 Week just in the U.S.)
February 13 th , 2008	1,100	(1 Week just in the U.S.)



Now folks, maybe it's just me but I think it's pretty obvious that earthquakes are seriously on the rise, how about you? And keep in mind that although earthquakes last for only a few seconds or minutes, **the trail of devastation lasts a long time**. For instance, because of this massive rise of earthquakes, **each year** they produce **billions** of dollars worth of damage, they kill **1000's** and **1,000's** of people (one quake alone killed 255,00) and they make **hundreds of 1,000's** of people homeless.

Oh but that's still not all. It's getting worse. This sudden "increase of severe earthquakes have led scientists to predict that **we are entering a new period of great seismic disturbances**." Hmmmm. Where have I heard that before? And one quake expert said, "The earth is cracking up! There is no doubt that something is seriously wrong. There have been too many strong

earthquakes.” And, they are predicting that the death toll from earthquakes are only going to **skyrocket** due to the massive exodus of people who are moving out of the rural areas and into the big cities. And the problem with this is that many of the cities just happen to be built right on top of fault lines. And because of this, scientists are now saying that we are entering a time when **fatalities** from quakes totaling over **three million will not be uncommon**. And part of it is because of another side-affect from earthquakes, and that is **landslides**, which are another major cause of loss of life.

And again folks, remember what Jesus said. These are nothing compared to what is to come. All these signs of **earthquakes** and even **landslides** caused by earthquakes are just the **beginning of birth pains**, which means the “big one” is yet to come! It’s chump change compared to this one!

Revelation 6:12-14 “I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.”

Say what? Every mountain and island was removed from its place? That a **serious disturbance**, how about you? In fact, you can laugh and scoff all you want, but the Bible is clear. If you refuse to accept Jesus Christ as

your Personal Lord and Savior **right now** you are headed for a reality **just like that!** And remember the Biblical rule. Anything we can come up with in our minds or even on a movie screen to try to explain it, pales in comparison to the actual reality.

People, the world is being **shaken** like never before. Yes, we may have always had earthquakes, **but nothing like we see today.** And as bad as it is **now**, it's just a **birth pain**, a little one, a tiny one, compared to the **big one** that's coming down the pike. Exactly like the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the last days.

Oh but that's still not all. The **third sign** to indicate that we are headed for **Worldwide Upheaval** and hence are living in the last days, is that there would be an **Increase of Pestilence.** Let's go to the parallel passage of Matthew 24 in Luke 21.

Luke 21:7,11 "Teacher, they asked, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place? There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven."

Now once again, the scoffer would look at this passage and sarcastically state, "Pestilence is no big deal, we've always had outbreaks of diseases." And once again, that is true. **But not like we see today!** People, we better wake up! **In the last century alone**, we have seen nothing short of an explosion of **worldwide pestilence** like never before. For instance, even

as recent as 1918, we had the infamous Influenza outbreak that killed anywhere from 50-130 million people worldwide. And the reason why it spread so fast worldwide was it just so happens that we had for the first time in mankind's history a **global transportation system** that helped transport it like never before, which means Modern Technology is actually helping the spread of pandemics.

And yet, even with a recent example as that, in 1979, the U.S. Surgeon General still made this bold arrogant announcement, "It is time to close the books on infectious diseases." Question. Was he right in his prediction? Are you kidding me! By the 1990's, instead of fading out of existence, **infectious diseases have gone ballistic**. We've all heard of the AIDS virus but did you know that millions of people have it worldwide and it's growing like wildfire daily? Did you know that in 1998 the combined wars in Africa killed 200,000 people but AIDS killed **10 times more** than that? Did you also know that 75% of all HIV infections are now being spread via heterosexual contact? But people, AIDS isn't the half of it. Diseases that were once considered conquered such as tuberculosis, (which they're projecting 10 million might die of it by 2015) malaria, cholera, diphtheria, and even the black plague are coming back and they're coming back with a vengeance!

But the question is, how can there be such an increase of worldwide pestilence when we're living in the most medically advanced era ever? Well, other than scientific experimentation and biological warfare, and population control, it's actually **due to an overuse of antibiotics**. You see, because we have saturated ourselves with so many antibiotics, the **diseases are now mutating** and becoming resistant to all medication. Now we have SARS, Ebola Virus, and the Avian Bird Flu, just to name a few! In fact, one strain of the Avian Bird Flu from Cambodia that just came out has an **85% mortality rate!** And new ones are cropping up all the time! And this has alarmed the medical community so much that they have stated that, "The emergence of bacteria strains that cannot be killed by the current arsenal of antibiotics could become a public health threat **worse than AIDS.**"

In fact at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1994, scientists there have announced that they see us heading towards, "**nothing short of a medical disaster.**" And the terms they are using today to describe this "medical disaster" are things like, **Super Bugs**, **Super Flu**, or **Viral Storm** to describe the trend of diseases that are spiraling out of control. In fact, in a recent article from the BBC News entitled, "Europe Losing Super Bugs Battle," they stated, "The World Health Organization says the situation has reached a critical point. We could be

dealing with the **nightmare scenario** of a worldwide spread of untreatable infections,” like these news reports reveal.

“The fear of a devastating new virus leaping from animals into humans and spreading across the globe is not just the stuff of Hollywood movies like Contagion. In 2002, 8000 cases of SARS came from a virus in bats. In 2009, Swine Flu-the H1N1 virus – originated in pigs and killed 18,000 people. And then there’s AIDS. 60 million people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. 25 million have died.

David Muir: And Rich, you’ve told me all day here that really troubles you.

Dr. Richard Besser ABCNEWS Chief Health & Medical Editor: You know David, this is a problem that keeps me up at night, these bugs are getting stronger and there aren’t any new drugs coming quickly.

All this incredible connectivity of humans-the flights and the boats – that are connecting all of us. So if one of the new diseases merges here can go everywhere.

Dr. Besser: The most concerning thing to me is that in less than 24 hours after i was in the jungles of Cameroon looking for the next pandemic virus, I was at a baseball stadium in Cooperstown N.Y. watching my son playing Little League, and if I were infected with the next contagion I could have spread it to 5000 people from 22 states.

It would have just gone all over the world so quickly. Imagine a deadly disease carried across continents by millions of free-flying agents. That’s the fear factor behind the so-called bird-flu.

Dr Marc Siegel: The difference between bird flu and the other the other health scares is that in this case – the worst case scenario – being influenza, is worse than in some of the other scares.

Dr Marc Siegel has been investigating the mechanisms of this disease as it progresses through Asia, China, the Pacific Islands, Africa and Europe.

Dr. Siegel: There’s been by the way, several outbreaks of avian influenza, highly pathogenic avian influenza in the United States. It just hasn’t been

talked about much because it's been controlled.

The terms bird flu and avian influenza actually refer to a group of illnesses caused by a large number of different viruses, all of the same species Influenza Type A. The "A" by the way, does not stand for Avian, meaning birds. One sub-species of Influenza A, caused by the particular virus that scientists label H5N1, has proven particularly deadly among people who handle birds.

It's killed nearly 2/3rds of those who've been diagnosed. Hardest hit, Indonesia and Vietnam. There's currently no natural immunity and no effective vaccine. H5N1 makes so many different animal species sick, over such a wide area, that some health professionals are concerned about a worldwide human pandemic.

Dr. Siegel: A recent AP poll said that 35% of the people surveyed felt that they or someone they knew was going to contact this bird flu. The virus's ability to crossover into the human population is by no means unique. All flu's originate in birds. Every year, the yearly human flu outbreak was originally, way back when, an avian flu.

Dr. Siegel: Our emphasis should be on trying to control this better in birds, doing more thorough testing of birds, more surveillance in birds, a better strategy for birds much more money towards looking at this in birds."

Now folks, do I really need to say what I'm about to say? Chicken...it could kill you! Come on! How many times do I need to say it! Okay, but seriously, as bad as the Avian Bird Flu and all the other Superbugs and Super Viruses spiraling out of control **right now** are. Remember what Jesus said. That's nothing compared to what's coming down the pike! All these signs of **pestilence** are just the **beginning of birth pains**, which means the "big one" is yet to come! Let's take a look at it.

Revelation 6:7-8 “When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”

One fourth of the earth, approximately **2 Billion people** dying in one shot? Could that really happen? Uh yeah, it not only can, **it will**. Which means, if you refuse to accept Jesus Christ as your Personal Lord and Savior **right now** you are headed for a reality **just like that!** And what’s the Biblical rule again? Anything we can conceptualize in our minds pales in comparison to the actual reality. In other words, what you just saw is chump change compared to what’s **really coming very soon**.

People, what more does God have to do? The world is being filled with **sickness** like never before. Yes we may have always had pestilence **but nothing like we see today**. And God, out of love, has given us all these **birth pain** signs today of **Worldwide Upheaval**, famine, earthquakes, and pestilence to show us the Tribulation is near and the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ is rapidly approaching. And that’s why Jesus Himself said:

Luke 21:28 “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

People of God, like it or not, we are headed for **The Final Countdown**. And so the point is this. If you’re a Christian here today it’s time to get busy! We’ve got to lay aside our differences and get busy

working together saving souls, doing great things for God, right? But if you're here today and you're not a Christian, then I beg you, please, heed the signs, heed the warnings, give your life to Jesus today, because tomorrow may be too late! Amen?

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

“Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”
