

Is COVID-19 a sign we are in end times?

In Matthew 24, the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him what will be a sign of the "end of the world" (3). In verse 7, Jesus listed pestilences [viruses] as one of the things that would occur during the last days. After this, He said, "All these are the beginning of sorrows" (8). The word "sorrows" in the Greek is *oden*; it was used in conjunction with the pains of childbirth. Jesus is informing them just like the birth pains become more frequent and intense as a mother gets closer to giving birth; these signs will increase in severity when the end is near.

Throughout the history of humanity, there have been plagues, but as time goes on, it seems like they have become more widespread. We cannot say when this world will come to an end, but according to Jesus, plagues are an indication that the end is near.