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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*Romans 10:13*

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# The Ebola Virus

## Understanding Pestilences

When God sent the pestilence to David's people, the Hebrews, in [2 Samuel 24:10-17](#), it was done with an angel who held up a sword. For as long as he held up the sword the pestilence killed the people. We do not think pestilences come from God today because science and secular humanism has taken over our thinking. There certainly is an origin for a pestilence (in the case of Ebola it is eating infected bats), but God is ultimately in charge of the disease. And bats by the way were one of the foods God prohibited the Hebrews from eating in the Old Testament.

The Ebola Virus, also known as the Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, is a very serious virus that causes bleeding inside and outside the body ([Web MD](#)). It has several other symptoms including: fever, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain ([CDC](#)). The virus travels through the body and damages organs and the immune system. Ultimately, the levels of blood-clotting cells drop and bleeding occurs.

The virus can be spread in several ways to other human beings from an infected person. It is transmitted through direct contact with mucus membranes or broken skin by body fluids and blood. It is not transmitted through the air or by water or, in general, food; however, certain kinds of meat, including wild bats, handled by African markets have been known to carry the Ebola virus ([CDC](#)). You can also get it from touching contaminated needles or surfaces.

As of September 28, 2014 there have been about 3,000 deaths of people infected with the Ebola Virus. ([FoxNews](#)). There does not seem to be enough sick beds in Africa to handle the people with the disease. Ebola is a very deadly virus but it has been successfully treated with HIV drugs. At one time, 90% of infected persons died of Ebola, now that statistic is 60%.

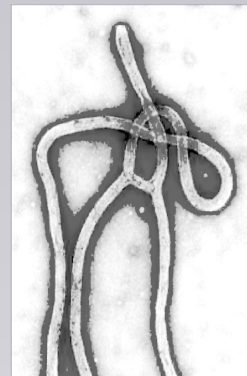
Ebola has not been a significant risk in the United States, but there has been a case here. On September 30, 2014, the first case of Ebola was reported in the United States, and the person was isolated at the hospital ([Reuters](#)). When we hear about a disease in Africa it does not bother us that much, but when we hear it is our own country that raises a flag. Ebola is growing to be a global problem. All a person has to do is be in Africa under the conditions to get infected then take a jet here. Now we have it in America, and it is highly contagious.

If the American people could just grasp the concept of getting saved and being obedient to God's laws, we could ask God for anything and he would be more likely to bless us with an answer. There has not been a cure for HIV yet, and Ebola is a brand new problem for us. We seem to forget that it's not all about man like the secular humanist insisted. It is about God. God created the world and God has all the power. God is in charge. Some people think God doesn't care or He doesn't exist because there is no remedy for all of these bad things. But there is a remedy. We have to get back to God. We have to get saved and be obedient to His commandments

Remember what God said in 2 Chronicles 7:14: *If my*



*(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher)* We do in fact serve a loving God, but God's mercy is as strong as his punishments. God has always punished sin on the earth, and pestilences are one of His devices. Diseases have killed much of the man on the earth, and this particular one, Ebola, is extremely dangerous.



*(Photos courtesy the internet and Microsoft Publisher)* The picture at the left is a microscopic image of the Ebola Virus. It is highly contagious in human body fluids, but it can also be transmitted via solid objects that are infected. HIV drugs have been used to treat Ebola, and they have been successful. The disease is marked by unexplained hemorrhaging (bleeding and bruising). It has a 60% death rate for those who become infected by it (at one time that was 90%). It has been a major epidemic in Africa since July 2014 and you can get the total deaths and infection counts from [Ebola Outbreak](#).

*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.* ■

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