San Francisco – 1906

The largest Plague scare in US history was part of this pandemic. Following the massive earthquake in 1906 rats were driven out of the sewers and into the streets of San Francisco.

A massive extermination effort (over 10 million rats were killed) prevented the disease from spreading to many humans. This helped prove rats were the cause of this particular Plague.

India - 1994

The latest worldwide outbreak was in India in 1994. Like the other Plagues recorded there was first a massive die-off of rats in the streets.

Once again actions like extermination helped to stop the spread and prove once and for all that the fleas on rats were both the carrier, and transmitter, of the Bubonic Plague.

But what if the Medieval Black Death wasn’t actually the Bubonic Plague? Medieval texts and as a result some in today’s modern scientific community are questioning the true cause of the Medieval Black Death.

Other Plagues in History

“The Third Pandemic”

The third major Bubonic Plague breakout in history occurred in the 1850s and, once again, originated in Asia. It spread, ultimately, to India, Russia, Hawaii and San Francisco. It lasted roughly fifty years.

It was during this outbreak that scientists first came to believe that the Plague was spread by rats. Just before the Plague was seen in humans there was a massive die-off of millions of rats.

San Francisco, 1906

The black rat (Rattus Rattus)