

The BLACK DEATH

- Sailors returning from the Black Sea first showed plague symptoms: black swellings the size of an egg or apple on their armpits and groin
- These swelling oozed blood and were followed by spreading boils and black blotches from internal bleeding
- Victims eventually began coughing up blood and lived only five days past the first symptoms
- 1/3 of Europe died



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- Everyone believed the plague was the end of the world and God's judgment against mankind.
- People did not band together as you would expect.
- Priests would not enter infected areas to hear final confessions. Parents deserted children and vice versa.
- They did not know, but the disease was spread by rats and fleas, which were very common in everyday life.

