

The Days of Noah and the Final Generation
Bible Study Notes

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man"

Matt. 24:37

We are told by Jesus as He speaks to His disciples that in the time leading up to His Second Coming and on that great Day, what the state of the world will be like. For us to truly understand the depth of what Jesus was saying we must study the account of Noah in depth under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth, **John 16:13**.

Days of Noah

In **Gen. 6** we get some insight into the times of Noah and some very important end time, prophetic understandings. Mankind was living life as they pleased not having a care in the world that their probation was coming to a close and that they were soon to be destroyed by a great flood.

In **verses 2-3** we see that sin was rife throughout the land. The Law of God was transgressed by the majority of the inhabitants of the earth and only a handful of them remained faithful to God. See **1st John 3:4 for the biblical definition of sin.**

As a result of this sin, and because of man's unrepentance, God regretted that He had even created man in the first place, **verse 6**. As a result, He decided to destroy the earth by a flood and to cleanse it of sin **verse 7**. This is in contrast to the earth being destroyed again, however, this time by fire on the great Day of God's wrath. **2nd Pet. 3:6-7, Isa. 66:15-16.**

It is also interesting to note that in **Matt. 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13**, we see that in the final generation before Christ's 2nd Advent, that the world is in a wicked and sinful state. Also see **2nd Tim. 3:1-5, 2nd Thess. 1:7-10, Rev 16:1-21**

Notice the parallels that we see in the days of Noah and in this last generation.

In **Heb. 11:7, 2nd Pet. 2:5 & Gen. 6:3** we see that Noah preached a righteous message to the antediluvian world. It was to warn mankind of their wicked ways and to repent of their sins before the then coming destruction.

Noah, who lived for 950 years **Gen. 9:28-29**, preached a message of righteousness and repentance for 120 years, **Gen. 6:3**. By faith, He trusted in God and condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. **Heb. 11:7**

We should note here that before destruction, God always sends a warning to the people of the land through His Holy Prophets. E.g., In the days of Lot, Before the Babylonian Exile many of the prophets such as Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah proclaimed messages of repentance; Before Saul was deposed, Samuel preached a message of repentance to him, in the last days we also see this message of repentance to the world being proclaimed in the three angel's messages of **Rev 14:6-12**.

God is merciful, gracious and compassionate, He takes no pleasure in the destruction of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their wicked ways and live. This shows us God's immense love for man. **Eze. 33:11, Psalm 145:8**

We also see that in these latter days God's faithful remnant of believers will proclaim a message of righteousness and repentance to the whole world before the 2nd Coming of Christ. **Matt 24:14, 2nd Tim. 4:2-4**

For the gospel must be preached to the whole world as a witness to all nations and then the end shall come.

They will also proclaim with a loud voice the identity of the beast and its affiliates to the whole world. **Rev 14:6-12, Rev 18:1-4**

In Noah's day we can see that there are two groups of people upon the earth, that is, **the righteous and the wicked**. (*The Sheep and the Goats*).

This same trend can be seen right throughout history, from Abel (*righteous*) and Cain (*wicked*) down throughout the age of time until the days of the Coming of the Son of Man where we see those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (*righteous*), **Rev 12:17**, to those who receive the mark of the beast and will thus be destroyed by the splendour of the Coming of Jesus (*wicked*), **Rev. 14:9-10, Rev. 6:14-17**

Read **Ezekiel chapters 8 & 9** and compare with **Revelation chapters 7 & 13**.

In **Gen. 6:17** we see that God destroyed every creature that had the breath of life in it during the flood. There was widespread destruction throughout the earth, only the souls of eight righteous people were saved.

Compare this with what takes place at the 2nd Coming of Christ, we also notice widespread destruction. See: **Isa. 66:15-16, Rev. 6:15-16, Eze. 7:1-27, Jer. 25:29-36, Matt. 24:30, 2nd Pet. 3:10, Jude 1:14-15, Joel 2:1-11, Isa. 34:1-13, Amos 5:18-20, Zeph.1:1-18, 2nd Thess.2:8, Psalm 110:5-6, Jer. 4:23-28, Malachi 3:17-18, Malachi 4:1-5, Matt.13:24-30 & 36-43, Zech. 13:8-9**

Notice what the scriptures show us regarding the destruction of the wicked in the days of Noah and in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man.

During the flood period, we notice that after Noah finishes preaching the message of repentance, he enters into the ark with his family along with the various kinds of animals and **God closes the door of the ark. Gen. 7:16**

Probation has now closed for mankind at this point, there was no other opportunity for the wicked to be saved. The door was closed; compare with the parable of the Ten Virgins in **Matt. 25:1-13, paying special attention to verse 10.**

The wicked were now allowed to enjoy the remaining seven days of their lives, **Gen. 7:10** before the flood came and "took them all away." **Matt. 24:37-39**

We shall see a repeat of these same kind of events being portrayed in these last days. Men and women will be living life as normal, "eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage" up until probation closes for mankind. **Matt. 24:38** For God's Spirit shall not contend with man forever.

When the door of probation is closed in these latter days and God allows the four winds of strife to blow upon the earth, **Rev.7:1, Jer. 25:31-35**, Jesus' work as the Great High Priest, **Heb. 4:14** shall be completed and for a short time, His faithful remnant of believers will need to endure the great time of trouble spoken of by the prophets Daniel and Jeremiah, **Dan. 12:1 Jer.30:7**. Just like Noah, who had to endure the flood but was protected through it, so, God's faithful remnant will need to endure this coming great time of trouble but we shall be protected through it. Our bread and water shall be sure. **Isa. 33:16**

During this time Jesus shall say the words found in **Rev. 22:11-12.**

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, he that is filthy let him be filthy still, and he that is righteous let him be righteous still and he that is holy let him be holy still. Behold, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me...."

Notice that the wicked will remain wicked, and the righteous will remain righteous during this time.

The door of probation will be shut and there will be no more work of interceding being done by Jesus in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary; no more opportunity for the wicked to now be saved.

They will be eating and drinking and living life as normal until the flood comes and takes them all away.

God's elect will proclaim the message of repentance in these last days. Sin shall abound in the world. The prince of this world, **John 16:11**, shall blind the masses and the love of many shall wax cold, **Matt 24:12**. The wicked shall flourish, but **God has called His faithful believers to do a special work as He did with Noah, that is to proclaim the gospel with a loud shout.**

"For He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but rather that they turn from their wicked ways and live." **Eze. 33:11**

God is calling His people out of Babylon, out of the systems of false, idolatrous worship, and to serve and worship Him according to His Word and not according to the traditions & creeds of man. **Rev. 18:4, Mark 7:7**

However, all this will come to an end once the door of probation is closed. As we read in Amos, there will be a famine in the land, not a famine of food or thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the Word of the Lord. **Amos 8:12**

Probation is soon over for us in these last days. Soon God will seal His faithful remnant of believers in the forehead before the four winds of strife are allowed to blow upon the earth. **Rev 7:1, Eze. 9:16** Those sealed with the Holy Spirit, **Eph. 4:30, Eph.1:13** shall reign with Christ forever, **Rev. 22:3&5** but those who receive the mark of the beast as a result of rejecting the truth and grieving the Holy Spirit, **Eph. 4:30** shall be devoured by fire, **Rev. 20:9**.

Conclusion:

Jesus has given us prior warning so that we may be aware of what is to transpire in these last days. By studying the scriptures and comparing scripture with scripture and thus allowing the Bible to explain itself we can get a better & deeper understand of what Jesus was saying in **Matthew 24:37**. We are to make sure that we find ourselves within the Ark (Jesus), before God closes the door of probation, for if we are found outside of the ark then we shall be eternally lost like those in the days of the flood.

Let us afflict our soul and seek repentance, **Lev. 23:27**, through Jesus Christ. Let us rend our hearts and not our garments, **Joel 2:13** for time is of the essence. Let us make sure that our garments are without spot and without blemish, **Col.1:22**. The devil knows that he has but a short time, **Rev. 12:12** and is filled with wrath against God's faithful remnant of believers, **Rev.12:17**.

But the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are safe, **Prov. 18:10**.

"And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"
Joshua 24:15