

# THE DAYS OF NOAH, LOT, AND THE SON OF MAN

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## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Many “predictions” about the coming of Christ (September 23-25 came and went!)—but thank God more are talking about the return of Jesus Christ!
- B. Can we know when He will come? Let’s see what Scripture teaches...

## II. SIGNS THAT THE DAY IS NEAR

- A. In Matthew 24:3, the disciples specifically asked Jesus “**what will be the sign of Your coming** and of the end of the age?” Jesus listed a number of signs, comparing them to birth pangs (which increase in frequency and intensity):
  - 1. Deceptions, false christs and false prophets
  - 2. \*Wars, rumors of wars, nation [Gk. *ethnos* = “race”] against nation (racism), kingdom against kingdom
  - 3. Famines and earthquakes
  - 4. \*Persecution, hatred
  - 5. \*Increase of wickedness and lawlessness (spirit of antichrist)
  - 6. Falling away from the faith, love of most growing cold
  - 7. Gospel of the kingdom preached in the whole world
- B. All of the New Testament writers spoke of the Lord’s return being very near:
  - 1. **1 Pet. 4:7:** *The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.*
  - 2. **James 5:7-9:** *<sup>7</sup>Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup>You too, be patient and stand firm, because **the Lord's coming is near.** <sup>9</sup>Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. **The Judge is standing at the door!***

3. **1 John 2:18:** *Dear children, **this is the last hour**; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.*
- C. We should pay attention to all of the signs in order to see the Day approaching:
- Heb. 10:25:** *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as **you see the Day approaching**.*
- D. Jesus made it clear that His return would be a SURPRISE EVENT, like a thief in the night:
1. **Mat. 24:36-44:** <sup>36</sup>*No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.* <sup>37</sup>*As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* <sup>38</sup>*For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. **That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.*** <sup>40</sup>*Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.* <sup>41</sup>*Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.* <sup>42</sup>*Therefore **keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.*** <sup>43</sup>*But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at **what time of night the thief was coming**, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.* <sup>44</sup>*So **you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.***
  2. **Rev. 16:15:** [Jesus]: *Behold, **I come like a thief!** Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.*
  3. **Rev. 22:7, 12, 20:** <sup>7</sup>*“Behold, I am coming **soon** [Gk. tachy = “suddenly, by surprise, without delay”]! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book...”* <sup>12</sup>*“Behold, **I am coming soon!** My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done...”* <sup>20</sup>*He who testifies to these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon.**” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

### III. THE SIGNS OF NOAH AND LOT

A. **Luke 17:26-36:** <sup>26</sup>*Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.* <sup>27</sup>*People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.* <sup>28</sup>*It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.* <sup>29</sup>*But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.* <sup>30</sup>*It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.* <sup>31</sup>*On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.* <sup>32</sup>*Remember Lot's wife!* <sup>33</sup>*Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.* <sup>34</sup>*I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.* <sup>35</sup>*Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.* <sup>36</sup>*[Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.]*

One taken, one left! The gospel is a 2-edged sword—it is the aroma of life to some and death to others (2 Cor. 2:14-16), good news & bad! The same ark brought destruction to the Philistines & blessings to Israel (1 Sam. 5)!

B. Noah: What were his days like?

**Gen. 6:5-8, 11-13:** <sup>5</sup>*The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL all the time.* <sup>6</sup>*The LORD was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain.* <sup>7</sup>*So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them."* <sup>8</sup>*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD...* <sup>11</sup>*Now the earth was CORRUPT in God's sight and was FULL OF VIOLENCE.* <sup>12</sup>*God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.* <sup>13</sup>*So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.*

1. But Jesus didn't mention the wickedness and violence—He only said they were eating, drinking, and marrying: business as usual!
  - a) Jesus emphasized their godless, worldly lifestyle
  - b) They were totally blind to spiritual reality:

**Mat. 24:38-39:** <sup>38</sup>*For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving*

*in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.*

- c) They would have known if they had listened to Noah's preaching:

**2 Pet. 2:4-5:** *<sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup>if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others.*

2. IMPORTANT NOTE: Noah entered the ark, THEN the flood came; the righteous were first removed, then judgment came. This is how it will be at the coming of Christ: the Bride will be raptured first, THEN the Great Tribulation! Order matters!

- C. Lot: What were his days like?

**Gen. 19:1-13:** *<sup>1</sup>The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. <sup>2</sup>“My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant's house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.” <sup>3</sup>But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. <sup>4</sup>Before they had gone to bed, **all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house.** <sup>5</sup>They called to Lot, “**Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.**” <sup>6</sup>Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him <sup>7</sup>and said, “No, my friends. **Don't do this wicked thing.** <sup>8</sup>Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.” <sup>9</sup>“**Get out of our way,**” they replied. And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and now he wants to play the*

judge! **We'll treat you worse than them.**” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. <sup>10</sup>But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. <sup>11</sup>Then **they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness** so that they could not find the door. <sup>12</sup>The two men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? **Get them out of here,** <sup>13</sup>**because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that He has sent us to destroy it.**”

1. Here is the “politically incorrect” view of the LBGTQ++?? lifestyle in the Scriptures:
  - a) **Rom. 1:24-28:** <sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to **sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies** with one another. <sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for **a lie**, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. <sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to **shameful lusts**. Even their women **exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.** <sup>27</sup>In the same way the **men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.** Men committed **indecent acts** with other men, and **received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.** <sup>28</sup>Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a **depraved mind**, to do what ought not to be done.
  - b) **1 Cor. 6:9-11:** <sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the **wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders** <sup>10</sup>nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And **that is what some of you were.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- c) How the corrupt world system has tried to legitimize and even glorify a sick lifestyle characterized by the following terms: a lie, sinful, wicked, impure, unclean, filthy, lawless, unnatural, ungodly, shameful, vile, degrading, dishonoring, abomination, confusion, detestable, perverse, indecent, depraved, reprobate, sodomites, offenders! We need to renew our minds and not be conformed to this evil world!
2. But Jesus didn't mention the perversion and homosexuality of Sodom—He only said they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting and building: business as usual!
  3. But the very day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all!
  4. IMPORTANT NOTE: Fire fell on Sodom AFTER Lot and his family were removed; the angel told him: “flee quickly, because I cannot do anything until you get out!” This is how it will be at the coming of Christ: the Bride will be raptured first, THEN the Great Tribulation! The order matters! God always rescues the godly BEFORE He sends judgment.
    - a) **1 Thess. 1:9-10:** *<sup>9</sup>How you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.*
    - b) **1 Thess. 5:9:** *For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
  5. **2 Pet. 2:4-9:** *<sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup>if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; <sup>6</sup>if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and MADE THEM AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE UNGODLY; <sup>7</sup>and if He rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men <sup>8</sup>(for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— <sup>9</sup>if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.*

## IV. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- A. Find grace—trust and fear God like Noah:
1. **Gen. 6:8:** *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.*
  2. **Tit. 2:11-14:** <sup>11</sup>*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.* <sup>12</sup>*It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,* <sup>13</sup>*while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,* <sup>14</sup>*who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.*
  3. **Heb. 11:7:** *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*
- B. Flee from sin! Repent from all evil, wickedness, worldliness, hatred, racism, violence, and perversion.
- C. We better be doing more than eating, drinking, buying, selling, marrying, planting, and building! Stop loving the world and the things of the world! Flee from the wrath that is coming. Don't look back like Lot's wife!
- D. Study and understand end times prophecies—don't be ignorant like the people in Noah's day who partied on without even knowing what was about to happen.

**Rom. 13:11-14:** <sup>11</sup>*And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* <sup>12</sup>*The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.* <sup>13</sup>*Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.* <sup>14</sup>*Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

- E. Pay attention to the signs—see the Day approaching:
- 2 Pet. 3:3-4:** <sup>3</sup>*First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil*

desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

- F. Stay busy in the work of the Lord—build an ark!

**Mat. 24:45-50:** <sup>45</sup>Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>**It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.** <sup>47</sup>I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup>But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, “My master is staying away a long time,” <sup>49</sup>and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. <sup>50</sup>**The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.**

1. This is why God doesn’t tell us the day or hour or any other timeline!
2. God is not going to tell us we have 1 year or 2 years or 3 years—we need to be **always** ready!

- G. Watch, pray, and be ready always

**Luke 21:29-36:** <sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup>**Be careful,** or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>**Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to ESCAPE all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”**

- H. Love and long for His appearing:

**2 Tim. 4:8:** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have **longed for** [“loved” NKJV] **His appearing.**