

AS IT WAS IN THE
DAYS OF
NOAH



“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all” (Luke 17:26-27).

These words are the words of the Son of God and they must and will be fulfilled to the very letter (Mark 13:31). Let us now carefully read exactly how it was in the days of Noah.

“...God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). Yes, God saw. And what was the wickedness of man then compared to the wickedness of man now? Did not man murder the Son of God, and has for 2000 years rejected Him? Jesus foretells that this wicked rejection of Himself will go on up to the very day that Christ shall come to reign.

The days of Noah were days of wonderful progress, but *“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence”* (Genesis 6:11). What is it now? The world’s newspapers have no sooner recorded one deed of violence, than they are called to report another, more horrifying one.

But what is it before God? What will it be very shortly, when the true Church of God shall be taken up to meet Christ, and Satan deceives the whole world? Peace shall then be taken

from the earth (Revelation 6). Violence will fill the earth.

God revealed His purpose to Noah that He would destroy man from the face of the earth. *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house: by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith”* (Hebrews 11:7).

Still the world went on; its buildings, its commerce, its pleasures, and its sins—men would not believe God. The ark grew larger every day, a witness of the coming judgment; certainly there was no appearance of the coming flood. Would God destroy this beautiful world in its infancy? Human reason said. “No, Noah; you are quite mistaken; it is only your opinion; you had better come and enjoy yourself, and don’t be such a narrow-minded bigot; do you think everybody is wrong but you?”

But the flood came and destroyed all but the seven who *“went in unto Noah into the ark, and the Lord shut him in”* (Genesis 7:13-16). Every soul that was not shut in with Noah was shut out; it was too late. Yes, and it shall be so in the day of the Son of Man. We read in the parable of the ten virgins, *“...they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, “Lord, Lord, open to us!”* (Matthew

25:10-11). But it was too late.

Today, man rejects God's Word just as fatally as in the days of Noah. But *"...the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape"* (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3).

Dear reader, are you ready to meet the coming Lord? Do you, like Noah, believe God? Or with the world, are you rejecting Him? God saw, and God sees your every thought. The Gospel still sounds: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

If you are not ready but want to be, tell the Lord, right now, that you are sorry for the way you have lived your life and you now turn away from your sins. Tell Him you believe He died for you on the Cross, and that He rose again three days later. Thank Him for saving your soul so that you can live forever with Him in Heaven.

"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40).

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