

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" [Luke 17:26].

Are we now living in the time of the end that all the prophets have spoken of? Are these the days of vengeance when all things that are written in God's Word will come to pass? If it is my friend, we are about to see the most horrific time in the history of man!

As I write this article, the world has been shocked by the sudden and apparently without warning attack on Israel by the terrorist organization, Hamas. The savagery inflicted on innocent people was revealed for all to witness. The world was shocked as reports of families being burned alive and videos and photographs showing the beheading and butchery of men, women and children. Once again we were reminded of the cruelty that can be manifested by mankind when given over to the demoniac! One thing is certain; we are closer to a third world war than ever before!

I am reminded of several prophetic passages in the New Testament that lets us know that there will be a time when all of God's Word will be fulfilled. Jesus said that it would all happen in *one generation!* "*Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled*" [Luke 21:32]. In the Book of Acts we find: "*And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began*" [Acts 3:20-21].

We can plainly see by these scriptures that there is coming a time just before the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ that all things written will be fulfilled. A time of restitution; (*a restoration, or to restore*).

For years I have preached about such a time. A time when God's people will not only be restored to the faith once delivered to the saints. But, be warned my friends. It will also be a time of great tribulation, persecution and spiritual warfare!

Satan is not going to give up his strong hold easily. Remember, there was war in Heaven and Satan was cast down to the earth where he immediately began to persecute the woman that brought forth the man child and made war with the remnant of her seed. Yes, warfare is on the horizon; warfare like we have never seen before! But, Thank God! Those that know their God will do exploits during this time!

I know many that profess to be Christians have been told that they will not be here during this time, but is this true? When Jesus spoke to His disciples

about the end time, He said, *"When ye see these things."* Obviously, there will be some of God's people that will see these things and I believe, are presently seeing them!

What kind of time will it be? Just what are we going to face? I believe the Word of God only gives us hints of the terror that is about to strike planet earth! Why do I say that? Well, if God revealed fully in His Word of the coming terror, I believe that many would suffer heart attacks by just reading about it!

Jesus said the world scenario just prior to His coming would be like the days of Noah. *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* [Matthew 24: 36-39].

When one studies the time of Noah they find some startling comparisons to what we are seeing today. In Noah's time the people were so corrupt that God repented that He had ever made mankind! *"And 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. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart"* [Genesis 6:5-6]. The earth was also filled with violence just like it is today! *"And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy*

them with the earth” [Genesis 6:13].

Although Naoh was a preacgher of righteousness and it took time to prepare the ark, the people were taken by surprise when God’s judgment fell. The utter destruction of mankind came suddenly!

Sudden destruction is foretold to happen once again just like it did in Noah’s day. *“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that 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. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” [1Thessalonians 5:1-6].*

God has stated very clearly there is coming a day He will completely destroy every living thing on this planet! Look at this awesome prophecy, *“I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD” [Zephaniah 1:2-3].* The prophet Malachi foretold this also, *“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch”*

[Malachi 4:1].

I know that throughout history we have seen many natural calamities, wars, and diseases that have killed multitudes of people. In 2001 Americans were horrified as they witnessed the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City come crashing down. In recent times, we have seen Tsunamis, tremendous earth quakes, killer hurricanes and tornadoes, terrorist attacks, and strange diseases that have killed hundreds of thousands of people world-wide. But, can you imagine reading about or seeing on your TV sets where billions of men, women, boys and girls have been killed? This is exactly what the Book of Revelation says will happen during the great tribulation! *"And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by Fire, the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths"* *[Revelation 9:17-18].*

"The third part of men, killed"! Presently, it is estimated that there are approximately 8 billion people alive on planet earth. A third of those would be almost 3 billion! Killed! Killed by Fire, Smoke, and Brimstone! A horrific time!

No, we are NOT PREPARED for such a time that is at hand! We have slumbered and slept. We are spiritually asleep. Our ears are dull of hearing and our eyes are heavy with sleep. Our minds are numb, and our hearts are overcharged with over indulgence

and the cares of this world. The desire of most people is for more of the world: more money; better and bigger things. Most are anticipating the "good life" in the natural and a mystical escape called the "rapture" when times do get tough. We have become escapists, instead of soldiers ready to fight the "good fight of faith". No! people are not ready for what is presently happening and the terror that is sure to come!

Some might think that I do not believe in the "rapture of the church". Let me be crystal clear here. I do believe in the rapture of the church if the term "rapture" identifies the glorious event that is the first resurrection as taught by the apostles! I believe in the clear teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. The Apostle Paul was very clear concerning what would happen at the second coming of our Lord: *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words"* [1Thessalonians 4: 13-18].

Yes, a thousand times, Yes, I believe in the resurrection of those that have died in Christ and for those of us that will be alive when Jesus returns! It is plain by these scriptures that some of God's children will be alive at the coming of the Lord! If Jesus comes back after the tribulation He spoke of in Matthew chapter twenty-four, then there will be Christians that survive this great tribulation and are faithfully awaiting the Lord's return. Jesus said: *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other"* [Matthew 24: 29-31].

In Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, he was very clear that the dead in Christ, and those that were alive and remained, would be caught up (*this is where they get the word rapture*) together when Jesus returns to this earth. Notice, Matthew twenty-four clearly states that Jesus returns in the clouds after the tribulation, not before the tribulation. After the tribulation Jesus returns to the earth, and then the blessed event described as the resurrection happens. My friend, please understand that no one leaves this earth until the dead are resurrected first and the resurrection does not happen until Jesus returns! Wake up! If the end is

at hand and the signs are everywhere that it is, you are and will see these terrible things foretold in the Bible!

Again, the Apostle Paul is very clear concerning this teaching. Remember now, Paul said that Jesus would return with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ would rise first. In First Corinthians the Apostle speaks of this mystery that will happen at the last trump! *"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" [1Corinthians 15: 50-53].* There it is, we will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and it will be at the last trump, not the first!

Children of God we have come to the time when all of God's children need to be sober minded concerning the end times. As for our differences concerning the timing of the resurrection (*rapture*); I have stated many times that there is no reason for this issue to divide the body of Christ for all God's children will soon believe the same thing concerning this event for we are living in the end of times when the scriptures are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

The questions all Christians should be asking today is "Am I ready for the coming of the Lord?" "Am I prepared to suffer for His Name sake?" "Am I willing to die for our Lord?" "Is the life I live

acceptable to the Lord?" "If Jesus returned today, would I be raised in the first resurrection?"

If these are the *Days of Vengeance* that Jesus spoke of, are you ready for it? If you have believed that you would not face any tribulation or persecution, would you be able to stand in such times? Is your faith sufficient for whatever lies before us?

I believe we are living in the evil day or the day of the Lord the scriptures warn us about! We must be prepare ourselves! *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand"* [Ephesians 6:11-13].

The hideous crimes being committed in our time are without question influenced by the demonic. The days of Noah are upon us! No normal human being would commit the awful acts we see on television and read about in our newspapers every single day.

Let me remind you once again before closing this message. Governments are in turmoil, entire countries are in chaos because of the moral bankruptcy of the world's leaders and citizens. Demon possessed radicals beheading innocent men, women and children. Diseases worse than aids are now being manifested in a world mad with sin and corruption. One of these plagues that have been reported eats away the flesh of humans at a rate of

an inch per hour and kills within a very short time. And the greatest physicians and scientists in the world are bewildered as to how these diseases can be cured. And children of God, I believe much more is coming . . . for we are at the end time when men will wax worse and worse!

As I wrote earlier, we are in a season of evil the world has not seen since the time of Noah and Sodom.

As we look about us, we see the entire world reeling and rocking under the awful disease of sin. Many have prophesied of the coming destruction of America. America's liberal leaders mock Christians and God's ministers on a day to day basis with their determination to pass legislation contrary to God's laws. Concerned ministers and laymen have warned and rebuked our government for its stand in favor of homosexuality and abortion while many of our well known protestant ministers continue to be silent about these issues.

It's not just the United States! The morals of the entire world are totally corrupt before a Holy God. The public school systems of the world have rejected God's Holy Laws and His Son Jesus Christ, and have become major breeding places of satanism, humanism, the occult, atheism, worldliness, drug addiction, sexual permissiveness, perversion, murder and hate. Home schooling use to be an option for Christians, but because public schools have become so corrupt and evil, home schooling is now considered a commandment from God by many concerned Christian parents.

Modern teachers of carnal prosperity and worldliness have corrupted many that once walked

and lived a sold out lifestyle. Very few churches are committed to world evangelism. Fasting and prayer seems to be a thing of the past. When I preach on fasting, prayer and self-denial people look at me as though I was from another planet! You would think it would be different with all that is taking place today, but it is not!

We must value every day, because the days are evil. God is now pouring out His great judgements and it is beginning at the House of God. Never in recent memory have we seen such a shaking and sifting among God's people! The message of separation from the world, restoration and perfection will separate the sheep from the goats!

The scriptures tell us, "*awake thou that sleepest*" and "*we should walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise*". That word circumspectly means to be extremely careful, to look carefully how you walk. And then the scripture says, redeem the time!

I have preached from coast to coast and will continue as long as God gives me strength and makes a way for me.

Everywhere I minister, I warn every man to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh. My entire ministry is devoted to preparing a people for the coming of the Lord Jesus. To get you ready! And children of God, you will not be ready if you fail to redeem the time we have left!

I beg you to make every moment count! This is what keeps me going, trying to reach all that I can with this last day message; that you might be ready for the coming of Jesus.

This is the will of the Lord for you! To watch

and pray! To be a flame of fire! To be prayed up, fasted up, and prepared in the Holy Ghost for what is coming, that you may go up.

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is" [Mark 13:33]. We are to watch! Be careful, walk circumspectly! The time is at hand that every one that names the name of Christ should depart from iniquity. You cannot watch for those things that are spiritual while you are running with the world. You watch by praying, fasting and seeking God.

"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled" [Luke 21:22]. "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" [Luke 21:35-36].

Jesus said, "PRAY ALWAYS" Pray always? Yes! *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" [2Corinthians 10:5].* Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ! Our minds must be in complete subjection to the Holy Spirit. In an hour when few are sold out to Jesus, I must warn you! Without a life totally committed to Christ, you will fall in this time of evil. It is not time to draw back. It is time to go forward.

Are you redeeming your time my friends? You must realize there is nothing you can do in this life that will count for anything except what you do for God. Billions are lost! The end is upon us! Are you

walking circumspectly (extremely careful) in the Holy Ghost giving no place to the devil? Or, are you walking in the flesh, still laying up treasures on this earth?

As I look about me, I realize that the only thing of real value in this old world is the Word of God that is before me. Within its pages is the only hope for the world. As we journey across the land preaching, teaching, prophesying and singing the praises of our God, please keep us lifted up in prayer as there are many adversaries. We certainly have little time to reach the cold, the backslid and the lost.

Our time is running out. It's time to turn it all around. The "Days of Noah" are upon us! The enemy may have deceived you into thinking you can love the world and have Jesus too, but he is a liar and the father of lies. Turn around my friend! Repent of your foolishness and lustful ways and begin walking in the Spirit as you once did. For in the Spirit, you will re-discover the abundant life Jesus promised. *"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit [Galatians 5:24-25]."*

My desire and commitment, is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord! I have no desire to be recognized before men. I have no ambitions for position or power. My whole intent is to do the will of the Father and to finish His work. My ambition is to minister Christ to a lost and dying world, and to see God's people happy, prosperous and prepared. I want you to make it no matter what lies before us and the only way I can know for sure that you will

make it is for you to be one hundred percent committed to Christ.

I know you have heard the story of the three Hebrew children. They did not know if God would deliver them from the fiery furnace or not! They only knew that they would not bow to other gods. Thank God, they were kept in the fire! Cannot you believe that God can keep us in the fires of tribulation and persecution?! But whether He does or not, our commitment must be the same! Simply, we will not bow to false gods, or the traditions and teachings of men!

Very soon my friends, I believe we shall all be tried as by fire. Very soon, you will have to make a choice! Stand for God's Word or compromise! There is no doubt that many (maybe even most) will compromise. However, there will be those like the three Hebrew children that will never compromise the Truth. They will be tried, convicted, and imprisoned for their stand for God!

I will close with this sobering warning from God's Word. *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" [2Peter 3:10-12].*

Are You Ready?