

The Days of Noah

Introduction

1. In the “days of Noah” the people were warned to prepare for destruction that would come by way of a great flood.

Genesis 6:17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; **everything that is on the earth shall die.**

A. They did not prepare!

2. Today we are told to prepare for destruction that will come by way of fervent heat that will burn up the earth.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; **both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

A. Have you prepared for that day?

3. Jesus told us plainly what conditions will be like at the end of the world:

Luke 17:26-27

Who Was Noah?

1. Noah lived more than 4,000 years ago. His story is told in Genesis 6-9.
2. In his days, the human race had become so wicked that God determined to destroy it with a worldwide flood.
Genesis 6:5-7
3. Noah was a righteous man. *“Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD”* (Genesis 6:8)
 - A. God told him to prepare a great boat for the safety of his family.

The People That Perished

1. Jesus described the people who perished in that flood:
 - A. Eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling, and planting. These are ordinary involvements of life (Luke 17:27-29).
2. What was wrong then?
 - A. Noah’s contemporaries were so preoccupied with earthly activities, and the perversion of them, that they failed to prepare for the life to come.
 - 1) Their sin consisted of utterly selfish living.

The Lesson Jesus drew from their example

- 1. Jesus warned against the danger of being unprepared**
 - A. Specifically - we are not to be ignorant of or indifferent to what God has revealed about the future.**
- 2. The people of Noah's day had NO excuse for ignorance.**

2 Peter 2:5....but saved Noah, one of eight people, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

- A. Noah did his part to declare God's message to the people around him.**
 - 1) Unbelief and indifference closed their minds to Noah and all of his warnings.**
 - 2) Daily earthly activity had lulled these people into spiritual slumber.**

Matthew 24:39....and did not know until the flood came....

Be Prepared

- 1. One way to predict the future is to note what the Bible says about the past.**
 - A. In Noah's day we can see a pattern that opens a window to the future.**
 - 1) The people ignored God and His rightful authority over them.**
 - 2) When they did so, their morals plummeted, and God responded to their evil with devastating judgment.**
 - 3) The pre-flood society did not anticipate judgment. It caught them by complete surprise.**

Matthew 24:39....and did not know until the flood came and took them all away...

- a. They totally dismissed Noah's warnings from their minds. One day everything was business as usual; the next day torrents of rain began to fall!**
- 4) The judgment of Noah's day was awesome in that it was so thorough. In most calamities, some people survive (earthquakes, floods, fires).**
 - a. But the judgment of Noah's day "destroyed them all."**

Luke 17:27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

2. Are you ready for Christ to return?

- A. **The statistics will resemble those of Noah's day - 100 percent deliverance for those prepared to meet God, and 0 percent escape for the unprepared.**

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety !" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

- 1) **They will call for the mountains and rocks to hide them from divine wrath!**

Revelation 6:15-17

- B. **The judgment of Noah's day was sad because it was avoidable. If you are cast away into an eternal hell at the judgment of Christ, it too will be sad, because it could be avoided if you will obey before it is too late.**

2 Peter 3:1-13

Conclusion

1. **When Christ comes in judgment, you will not find refuge in some carefully fabricated excuse. No false religion will shield you from Christ's discerning eyes.**

- A. **The one and only ark of safety is **IN** Jesus Christ!**

