

Endtimes Signs

As In The Days Of Noah

When thinking about what would be the first sign discussed in this Endtimes series, I settled on the words that Jesus spoke to his disciples in Mark chapter 17. After revealing many signs to his disciples, Jesus brought up the topic of Noah and Lot. Here is what he had to say.

"As it was in the days of Noah, 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 Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30

I don't know if you noticed or not, but Jesus did not mention any sins in the above passage. All I see in that passage is that life in the days of Noah and Lot was going on with typical daily routines taking place. The typical daily routine of life has been going on for thousands of years. That doesn't sound like a sign that should be included in an Endtime series that is discussing the signs that will be prevelant just prior to his return. Jesus was telling his disciples that when he returns, life will be going on as it has been since days of old and that his return will be a total surprise to a vast majority of people.

I did ask myself the question, why was there a flood in Noah's day that wiped out the human race? This is what I found when I researched it a bit further. '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. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.' Genesis 6: 3-5

'The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 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 6:11-13

So let me pull a few statements out from the text above.

- * the wickedness of man was great in the earth
- * every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
- * the earth was filled with violence
- * all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth

Now let's consider the days of Lot and the reason Sodom was destroyed by God. I am going to quote a statement made on Wikipedia concerning the sins that caused its destruction.

Begin quote. "Sodom and Gomorrah, or the "cities of the plain", have been used historically and in modern discourse as metaphors for homosexuality, and are the origin of the English words sodomite, a pejorative term for male homosexuals, and sodomy, which is used in a legal context under the label "crimes against nature" to describe anal or oral sex (particularly homosexual) and bestiality. This is based upon exegesis of the biblical text interpreting divine judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah as punishment for the sin of homosexual sex. A number of contemporary scholars dispute this interpretation in light of Ezekiel 16:49–50 ("This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty, and did abominable things before me; therefore I removed them when I saw it."), interpreting the sin as arrogance and the lack of hospitality. The traditional view also uses the same verse claiming the term "abominable" here as a reference to Leviticus 18:22 which refers to homosexuality as an "abomination"

before God." End of quote.

The point here is that there were signs in Noah's days and in the day's of Lot that pointed to why God was justified in the judgment that he enacted. And there are signs in our current day society, like in the days of Noah and Lot that justify the judgment that is coming upon the world when Jesus Christ returns.

Once again I want to list the sins that we discovered in the days of Noah.

- * the wickedness of man was great in the earth
- * every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
- * the earth was filled with violence
- * all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth

To me this sounds like a total breakdown of society concerning the will and ways of God. Do you see any parallels between the days of Noah and the days of modern day society? Let me put the four thoughts above into two sentences inorder to make cause and affect a little clearer.

'Because all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth, the earth was filled with violence.'

'Because every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, the wickedness of man was great in the earth.'

So when Jesus made the statement that as in the Days of Noah so shall it be in the days when I return, I don't think he was just referring to life going on as usual and that a lot of people are going to be taken by surprise to see that I am actually returning. I think he wanted us to know that it was the sinful condition of the human race during the days of Noah and the sinful ways of the people in the city of Sodom during the time of Lot, that brought judgment upon themselves.

Those two incidents are signs that the human race of today should be taking very seriously. The words of Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14 reveal to us some very sombering words to consider.

Matthew 7:13-14

'Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.'

The Living Bible translation says it this way.

'Heaven can be entered only through the narrow gate! The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who choose its easy way. But the Gateway to Life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.'

I would like to end this discussion with the words of a song that I wrote.

As In The Days Of Noah

God clearly sees the wickedness from Heaven
How great it is throughout all the earth
The imaginations of the hearts of men
Continually living out a life of sin
Not willing, not willing, to listen to Him

As in the days, of Noah, so shall it be when Jesus Christ returns

Humanity, won't know it, blinded by the sin that they're living in

Life as they know it is about to end, yet there's still time for them to repent

But will they listen and will they heed, or remain unrepentant men

As the days of Noah, again

God gives us every opportunity

He reveals Himself to us in many ways

If you want to know the truth according to Him

And see through the devils deceptive ways

Are you willing, are you willing, to listen to Him

As in the days, of Noah, so shall it be when Jesus Christ returns

Humanity, won't know it, blinded by the sin that they're living in

Life as they know it is about to end, yet there's still time for them to repent

But will they listen and will they heed, or remain unrepentant men

As the days of Noah, again

God did not spare the ancient world, before the flood of Noah
And God did not spare the ungodly cities of Sodom and Gomorrah
So here we go again, our generation is just like them
Living a life of iniquity, unaware of the judgment that's soon to be
God gives us every opportunity
He reveals Himself to us in many ways
If you want to know the truth according to Him
And see through the devils deceptive ways
Are you willing, are you willing, to listen to Him