

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT **The End Times?**

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Part 2



John 1:1 AMPC

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John 1:1 KJV

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Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

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Things defined:

God's Word, promises in God's Word, what is written down regarding sin, judgment, righteousness and the signs or events to come.

Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass [a]in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [[b]in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, [c]to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, [d]to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

There are “certain things” that will shortly or in a short period of time, speedily take place that was foretold in the Old Testament. These “things” are signs in God’s Word that Jesus (The Word) has declared from the beginning would take place at the end.

At the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry He began preparing His disciples for His going away and for His return. He told them what they must do in order to be ready when He came back. He warned them that many would come to mock, scoff, and deceive them from being ready for the Rapture.

Jesus, or the Word, said at the Time of the End (the period of time leading up to the Rapture, 7 year Tribulation, the events that take place during the 7 year Tribulation) that many pastors, preachers and teachers would deceive many.

Matthew 24:1-12 AMPC

1 Jesus departed from the temple [a]area and was going on His way when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to the buildings of the temple and point them out to Him.

2 But He answered them, Do you see all these? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

4 Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [[b]appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the [c]birth pangs [of the [d]intolerable anguish].

9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will [e]begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

12 And the love of [f]the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,

When the disciples asked Jesus “what will it look like before You come back” He didn’t say it’s none of your business. He said that multiple signs will occur... I don’t want you to miss this. He actually commanded them, His disciples, which that is you and I today too, to know these signs so we could have peace and be a witness to what is happening to those around us... Jesus is coming!

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

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Eschatology defined:

The part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind...And the final events in the history of the world or of humankind.

From the beginning of time, God's Word has declared the "things" that will take place at the end. Those things concerning death, judgment and the final destiny of the soul. For those who are alive at the finality of time as we know it, the Time of the End which is the time of the Rapture and 7 year Tribulation... God has told us the final events so we would be prepared and not scared.

John 14:24-29 AMPC

24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

25 I have told you these things *while I am still with you.*

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

27 Peace I leave with you; *My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Do not let your hearts be troubled,** neither let them be afraid. [**Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.**]*

*28 You heard Me tell you, I am going away **and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad,** because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am.*

29 And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.

John 16:33 AMPC

33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

After Jesus went to heaven to prepare a place for you and I, New Testament believers thought after Jesus didn't come back right away that they missed the Rapture and they were going through the Tribulation. Many were being taught by their pastors, preachers, teachers that there wasn't a Rapture or 'don't worry about it', keep living how you want to with no regard of sin, judgment, righteousness and the "things" to come.

Because of the false teaching in the church, chaos and confusion regarding truth in the church, the followers of Jesus Christ or the Word were asking the question to Peter, Paul, Jude and John: Did we miss the Rapture? Is this the 7 year Tribulation? If not, what must we do to be ready? They said, remind us, what are the signs and what must we do to be ready. They only knew to ask the question regarding the Rapture, heaven, hell, because of what Jesus had told them and from reading the Old Testament never wrong Prophets. Jesus or the Word is the same yesterday, today and forever. There is nothing new under the sun.

Prophet defined:

1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.
2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel etc.

-1828 Webster's Dictionary

Biblical Definition of a Prophet: Proven never to be wrong so you can believe them about the things that are yet to happen that have already been foretold.

One of the many things that Jesus told us regarding the signs prior to His return is it would be like the days of Noah and Lot.

Luke 17:26-30 AMPC

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

So, What was it like in the days of Noah and Lot? Genesis tells us from the beginning what would happen in the end.

Genesis 6:1-22 AMPC

1 When men began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,

2 The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all they desired and chose.

3 Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever dwell and strive with man, for he also is flesh; but his days shall yet be 120 years.

4 There were giants on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God lived with the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.

6 And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart.

7 So the Lord said, I will destroy, blot out, and wipe away mankind, whom I have created from the face of the ground—not only man, [but] the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air—for it grieves Me and makes Me regretful that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord.

9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.

10 And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth was depraved and putrid in God's sight, and the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power).

DESECRATION defined:

noun: The act of diverting from a sacred purpose or use to which a thing had been devoted; the act of diverting from a sacred character or office.

INFRINGEMENT defined:

noun: Act of violating; breach; violation; non-fulfillment; as the infringement of a treaty, compact or other agreement; the breaking of a law or constitution.

OUTRAGE defined:

noun: malicious violence offered to persons or things; excessive abuse; wanton mischief. Rude abusive language, scurrility, or opprobrious and contemptuous words, may be an outrage to persons, or to decency and civility.

ASSAULT Defined:

An attack by hostile words or measures; as, an assault upon the prerogatives of a prince, or upon a constitution of government.

12 And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased, and vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction.

13 God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will [a]destroy them and the land.

14 Make yourself an ark of gopher or cypress wood; make in it rooms (stalls, pens, coops, nests, cages, and compartments) and cover it inside and out with pitch (bitumen).

Note: pitch is the word atone in the Greek... to cover or protect, this is the word defining the Passover in the Old Testament as well...

15 And this is the way you are to make it: the length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits [that is, 450 ft. x 75 ft. x 45 ft.].

16 You shall make a roof or [b]window [a place for light] for the ark and finish it to a cubit [at least 18 inches] above—and the [c]door of the ark you shall put in the side of it; and you shall make it with lower, second, and third stories.

17 For behold, I, even I, will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy and make putrid all flesh under the heavens in which are the breath and spirit of life; everything that is on the land shall die.

Note: verse 18 is the promise for obedience.

James 2:26 AMPC

26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

*18 **But I will establish My covenant** (promise, pledge) with you, and you shall come into the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.*

19 And of every living thing of all flesh [found on land], you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls and birds according to their kinds, of beasts according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind—two of every sort shall come in with you, that they may be kept alive.

21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and you shall collect and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.

22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

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Paul, in the New Testament, reminded the Church when asked: Did we miss the Rapture? Is this the Tribulation? If not, what must we do to be ready... remember Noah, Old Testament. God never changes, He performs His Promises, He is not a man that He should lie.

Hebrews 11:1-7 AMPC

1 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, [a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

2 For by [faith—[b]trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

4 [Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.

5 Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

7 *[Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed and diligently and reverently constructed and prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment and sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir and possessor of righteousness ([c]that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).*

So what other information does God's Word tell us about the days of Noah?

Genesis 10 AMPC

1 *This is the history of the generations (descendants) of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The sons born to them after the flood were:*

2 *The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.*

3 *The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.*

4 *The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.*

5 *From these the coastland peoples spread. [These are the sons of Japheth] in their lands, each with his own language, by their families within their nations.*

6 *The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt [Mizraim], Put, and Canaan.*

7 *The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.*

8 *Cush became the father of Nimrod; he was the first to be a mighty man on the earth.*

9 *He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord.*

10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar [in Babylonia].

11 Out of the land he [Nimrod] went forth into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,

12 And Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah; all these [suburbs combined to form] the great city.

13 And Egypt [Mizraim] became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim.

15 Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, Heth [the Hittites],

16 The Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

17 The Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

18 The Arvadites, the Zemarites and the Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread abroad

19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon as one goes to Gerar as far as Gaza, and as one goes to [a]Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

21 To Shem also, the younger brother of Japheth and the ancestor of all the children of Eber [including the Hebrews], children were born.

22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram.

23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

24 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber.

25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg [division], because [the inhabitants of] the earth were divided up in his days; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

30 The territory in which they lived extended from Mesha as one goes toward Sephar to the hill country of the east.

31 These are Shem's descendants by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, within their nations; and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.