

John 14:15 AMPC

Part Three

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

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

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.

John 5:9-29 AMPC

9 Instantly the man became well and recovered his strength and picked up his bed and walked. But that happened on the Sabbath.

10 So the Jews kept saying to the man who had been healed, It is the Sabbath, and you have no right to pick up your bed [it is not lawful].

11 He answered them, The Man Who healed me and gave me back my strength, <u>He Himself said to me</u>, Pick up your bed and walk!

12 **They asked him, Who is the Man** Who told you, Pick up your bed and walk? 13 Now the invalid who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had quietly gone away [had passed on unnoticed], since there was a crowd in the place.

14 Afterward, when Jesus found him in the temple, He said to him, See, you are well! <u>Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.</u>

15 The man went away and <u>told the Jews that it was Jesus</u> Who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews began to persecute (annoy, torment) Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I, too, must be at [divine] work.

18 This made the Jews more determined than ever to kill Him [to do away with Him]; because He not only was breaking (weakening, violating) the Sabbath, but <u>He actually was speaking of God as being</u> [in a special sense] His own Father, making Himself equal [putting Himself on a level] with God.

19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

20 The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel and be full of wonder and astonishment. 21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], <u>even so the Son also gives life to</u> whomever He wills and is pleased to give it.

22 <u>Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the</u> <u>last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the</u> <u>hands of the Son,</u>

23 So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] <u>whoever does not honor the</u> <u>Son does not honor the Father,</u> Who has sent Him.

24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person <u>whose ears are</u> <u>open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts</u> <u>in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now)</u> <u>eternal life.</u> And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life.

25 Believe Me when I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the time is coming and is here now when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it shall live.

26 For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self-existent.

27 And <u>He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute</u> (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of man [very man]. 28 <u>Do not be surprised and wonder at this, for the time is coming when</u> all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

29 <u>And they shall come out—those who have practiced doing good</u> [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life, and t<u>hose who have</u> <u>done evil</u> will be raised for judgment [raised to meet their sentence].

When someone starts to talk about "End Times", regardless of the reaction, at the core or heart of that reaction is the knowledge of judgment. God said that it is not His desire that any should perish, He sent His son to die for us and Jesus is standing at the door knocking. So, how can we be ready? First, those who claim to be imitators of Jesus Christ are commanded to know the signs of His return. As a result of being obedient to that command we know that there will be scoffers who won't believe the Biblical explanation of the "things" that are collectively happening as the Bible said it would and the things to come.

Peter wrote to the Church, you and I, for such a time as this... 2 Pater 3:1 18 AMPC

<u>2 Peter 3:1-18 AMPC</u>

Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,
 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

Command To Know The Word

We are commanded to recall what was already spoken in the Word Of God by the prophets and commanded by Jesus to know (Lk. 21, Matt. 24) what was spoken. It's not His desire for us to perish (2 Pt. 3:9)... we need to have faith in this Time Of The End and that comes by reading and hearing the Word.

Hebrews 11:6 KJV 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him:

Hebrews 11:1 KJV 11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Command To Know The Word

Hebrews 11:1 AMPC

11 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].

Romans 10:17 AMPC

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

<u>2 Peter 3:3-18 AMPC</u>

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.

7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.

8 Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will vanish (pass away) with a thunderous crash, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are thus in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated and holy behavior and devout and godly qualities,

12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will flare and melt with fire?

13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.

14 So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation (that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,

16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.

17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)! We've learned in God's Word that He not only gives us signs of His return through these "things" but with witnesses to point us to the signs or things of judgment and Christ's return. Methuselah and Noah were 2 righteous men who were the witnesses that preached for 120 years prior to The Flood about judgment.

Genesis 6:8-9 AMPC

8 But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. <u>Noah was a just and</u> <u>righteous man</u>, blameless in his [evil] generation; <u>Noah walked [in</u> <u>habitual fellowship] with God.</u>

<u>2 Peter 2:5 AMPC</u>

5 <u>And He spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a</u> <u>preacher of righteousness</u>, with seven other persons, when <u>He brought</u> <u>a flood upon the world of ungodly [people].</u>

These 2 witnesses are confirmation of God's faithfulness, character and His promise to provide witnesses...Jesus Christ's return is not a surprise to those who are in the light.

2 Corinthians 13:1 KJV

13 <u>This is the third time I am coming to you</u>. In the mouth of two or <u>three witnesses shall every word be established.</u>

We know that once God revealed to Enoch about judgment by water (The Flood), judgment by Fire (Armageddon/End Times), and the command to name his son Methuselah which meant, "When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent or His Death Brings", Enoch changed. Once he got the revelation of God's plan, (The Word) passed down starting from Adam to the following generations of men, and then from God Himself, he walked in habitual fellowship with God. Not perfect, but it was his nature to be obedient to God's Word and have a heart of repentance.

Genesis 5:22 AMPC

22 <u>Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship]</u> with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:24 AMPC

24 And <u>Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God</u>; and <u>he was</u> <u>not, for God took him [home with Him].</u>

Jude 14-15 KJV

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

The Old Testament tells us that Enoch and Elijah were raptured. The New Testament tells us that 2 witnesses will come back at the Time of the End to preach/witness to the jewish people in Israel after the Rapture in the first 42 months of the Tribulation (Revelation 11). Many Bible scholars believe it will be Enoch and Elijah (I believe that as well) and some believe it will be Moses and Elijah. It is not heresy to believe one or the other but there will be 2 witnesses that the jews will listen too. I believe it is those 2 because Enoch and Elijah were the only 2 raptured in the Old Testament, the jewish people believe that and that it will have a bigger impact on the jews who are left behind after the rapture.

Revelation 11:1-13 AMPC

1 A reed [as a measuring rod] was then given to me, [shaped] like a staff, and I was told: Rise up and measure the sanctuary of God and the altar [of incense], and [number] those who worship there. 2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).

3 And I will grant the power of prophecy to <u>My two witnesses</u> for 1,260 (42 months; three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth.

4 These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain.

6 These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their <u>prophesying (their prediction of events</u> <u>relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph)</u>; and they also have power to turn the waters into blood and to smite and scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose.

7 But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street (a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

9 *For three and a half days* men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and <u>will not allow</u> *them to be put in a tomb.*

10 And those who dwell on the earth will gloat and exult over them and rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because these <u>two prophets</u> had been such a <u>vexation and trouble and torment</u> to all the dwellers on the earth. 11 <u>But after three and a half days</u>, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them.

12 Then [the two witnesses] heard a strong voice from heaven calling to them, Come up here! And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud. 13 And at that [very] hour there was a tremendous earthquake and one tenth of the city was destroyed (fell); seven thousand people perished in the earthquake, and those who remained were filled with dread and terror and were awe-struck, and they glorified the God of heaven. These 2 men were the only ones translated or raptured in the Old Testament, who never saw death. This was the plan before the foundations of the earth were formed. God knew that the Jewish people who, after rejecting Christ and still following the Old Testament, would need these 2 witnesses to speak the truth to them in order that they may believe... if they chose to do so. (see Romans 11)

Remember, after the birth of Methuselah at age 65, Enoch lived another 300 years and that is when God translated him.

Genesis 5:24 AMPC

24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].

The phrase, "took him" in Hebrew comes from a word that means to take something and carry it away.

In the book of Hebrews Paul said he was translated (raptured)...

Hebrews 11:5 KJV

5 By faith Enoch was <u>translated</u> that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5 AMPC

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

The word "translated" here in the Greek means: transport, transfer, to change sides (meaning he went from earth to heaven). According to secular Jewish history, Enoch was translated on the 7th day and that would have been on the shabbat. Remember, God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th day.

Genesis 2:2 KJV

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Enoch is the 7th generation from Adam and is translated according to Jewish history on Shabbat, the 7th day. Then in Jasher 3:36 (Jewish history) we find something interesting, it says that Enoch was taken by a whirlwind into heaven with horses and chariots of fire.

Jasher 3:36

36 And when the kings returned they caused a census to be taken, in order to know the number of remaining men that went with Enoch; and it was upon the seventh day that Enoch ascended into heaven in a whirlwind, with horses and chariots of fire.

Why is that interesting? Elijah, the only other man who never saw death is translated in 2 Kings, he is taken into heaven in a whirlwind, with horses and chariots of fire.

2 Kings 2:1,7-11 AMPC

1 When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were going from Gilgal.

7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood [to watch] afar off; and the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the waters, and they divided this way and that, so that the two of them went over on dry ground.

9 And when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

10 He said, You have asked a hard thing. However, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you—but if not, it shall not be so.

11 As they still went on and talked, behold, <u>a chariot of fire and horses</u> of fire parted the two of them, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into <u>heaven</u>. We know how the faith of the first 10 Generation of Men was so strong they spoke to one another about what happens when there is disobedience and obedience. They gave testimony to God's grace, His judgment and His Love by informing and warning them of things to come. God is the same, He never changes. (Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8)

Now, I want to talk to you about how time is recorded in the book of Genesis. This is significant when we talk about the "Days of Noah and Lot", which is compared to the Return of the Lord.

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.

First, there are three levels of time in the book of Genesis...

The "No Time" Dimension

Ages Past Before Adam Was Created

The "Extended Time" Dimension

Ages From Adam To Noah

The "Limited Time" Dimension

Ages After The Flood To The Return Of The Messiah

First, let's talk about Ages Past or the "No Time" dimension. I believe based on scripture that creation is 6,000 years old. That God created the earth, animals, trees and man from the account in Genesis Chapter 1. This "No Time" dimension was before the earth was created because God has always been. In Matthew Chapter 25 we know that hell was created for the devil and his angels that would follow him before the creation in Genesis 1.

Matthew 25:41 AMPC

41 Then He will say to those at His left hand, Begone from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!

<u>Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV</u>

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

At the time of Genesis 1:1, we know from the book of Job that there were angels present when God created the heavens and the earth. They were singing and rejoicing...morning start or sons of the morning.

<u>Job 38:4-7 AMPC</u>

4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Declare to Me, if you have and know understanding.

5 Who determined the measures of the earth, if you know? Or who stretched the measuring line upon it?

6 Upon what were the foundations of it fastened, or who laid its cornerstone,

7 <u>When the morning stars</u> sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

God's Word says before the foundations of the earth were formed He knew you and I... So ages past is a "no time" dimension or eternity past.

Jeremiah 1:5 AMPC

5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

Ephesians 1:4 AMPC

4 Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

<u>1 Peter 1:18-23 AMPC</u>

18 You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,

19 But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.

20 It is true that He was chosen and foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world, but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you.

21 Through Him you believe in (adhere to, rely on) God, Who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him honor and glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God.

22 Since by your obedience to the Truth through the [Holy] Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a pure heart.

23 You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

Then we come to the creation of Adam, the sun, the moon, the stars, etc. (Genesis 1:1-31) From this point on, Adam and the creation of all mankind is put into a time frame.

Originally, God's time frame prophetically was 360 days which made up a calendar year. This was changed to a solar calendar of 365.25 days making a calendar year. We know that time was created for man on earth to be able to "time" events. The sun, moon and stars were made for times, signs and seasons.

Genesis 1:14 AMPC

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs and tokens [of God's provident care], and [to mark] seasons, days, and years,

Then we come to "Extended Time". This means that this was the period where men used to live to be very old. Here are some quick examples: As we have been studying from the time of Adam to Noah is only Ten Generations, 1600 years. Man lived on an average almost 900 years and had their first son at 177 years old. So, they lived longer and had children later in life.

According to Jewish tradition or history, Adam and Eve had two sons and three daughters in the garden before the fall took place. We know that Cain married somebody because if there's only 2 boys born on the earth, the question is, who did he marry because there was a girl out there somewhere.

According to the Jewish Historian Josephus this is what was recorded regarding the children of Adam and Eve.



Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian, states that "The number of Adam's children, as says the old tradition, was thirty-three sons and twenty-three daughters."

Josephus was a priest, warrior, scholar, and Jewish Historian and his work was second only to the Bible in terms of popularity. He is best known for his multi volume works, named "The Antiquities of the Jews" and "The Jewish Wars". Based on God's Word and historical writings I believe that Adam and Eve had sons and daughters in the garden. We don't know how long Adam and Eve were in the garden but many people think that God created Adam and Eve, they sinned the next day and they were kicked out. That is not true...

We know from the Hebrew text that God was comparing to a previous event regarding child birth *"now, when you give birth"*.

Genesis 3:16 KJV

16 Unto the woman he said, <u>I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy</u> <u>conception</u>; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:16 GNT

16 And he said to the woman, <u>"I will increase your trouble in</u> <u>pregnancy and your pain in giving birth.</u> In spite of this, you will still have desire for your husband, yet you will be subject to him."

She had birth before when there was no pain but after sin entered in, part of the curse on Eve that was passed down to all women was...there was going to be pain in child birth.

We know that Adam is 130 years old when Seth is born.

Genesis 5:3 AMPC

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth.

We know that Cain and Abel were born before Seth but we don't know how old they were when Cain killed Abel.

Genesis 4:8 AMPC

8 And Cain said to his brother, Let us go out to the field. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Many historians believe that they were in their late 20's or early 30's. So Adam was 130 years old when he had Seth which means he may have been in the Garden 50 to 100 years before the sin ever took place. The point of this is once again, man lived a very long time before The Flood took place.

First Ten Generations Of Men Longevity				
First Generation Generation Generation Generation Generation Generation	Ten 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Generations Adam Seth Enos Cainan Mahalaleel Jared Enoch	930 years 912 years 905 years 910 years 895 years 962 years	Genesis 5:5 Genesis 5:8 Genesis 5:11 Genesis 5:14 Genesis 5:17 Genesis 5:20 Genesis 5:23
Generation Generation Generation	8 9 10	Methusaleh Lamech Noah	969 years 777 years	Genesis 5:27 Genesis 5:31 Genesis 9:29

When you study creation science and the Bible together you can see how the Flood changed the outer water layer of the earth, the ozone layer. The water supply became polluted, the oxygen levels changed greatly causing large animals to die.

There are several other evidences that we could look at to show and prove The Flood and the ramifications of sin which shortened life spans. We know through Bible history that after The Flood, God radically reduced the age expectancy of people.

Then we have the post Flood time which I will refer to as "Limited Time". This is where men are given a limited time to live here on earth. From Adam to Noah, the average age of the first 10 Generations of Men including Enoch who only lived 365 years was 857.5 years. From the righteous lineage of Shem...

Genesis 5:32 AMPC

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

To the time of Abraham the ages are reduced...Shem lives to be 600 years old.

Genesis 11:10-11 AMPC

10 This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood. 11 And Shem lived after Arpachshad was born 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

Terah, who was the father of Abraham lived to be 205 years old.

Genesis 11:26-32 AMPC

26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of [at different times], Abram and Nahor and Haran, [his firstborn].

27 Now this is the history of the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot.

28 Haran died before his father Terah [died] in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together to go from Ur of the Chaldees into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 And Terah lived 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.

Abraham live to be 175 years old...

Genesis 25:7 AMPC

7 The days of Abraham's life were 175 years.

Moses who wrote the Torah lived to be 120 years old...

Deuteronomy 34:7 AMPC

7 Moses was 120 years old when he died; his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.

According to God's Word in Psalms 90:10 man's average is now 70 years old or "if be reason of strength" 80 years old.

Psalm 90:10 AMPC

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten (seventy years) or even, if by reason of strength, fourscore years (eighty years); yet is their pride [in additional years] only labor and sorrow, for it is soon gone, and we fly away.

This just happens to be about the average time that God allows people to live even today. So, after The Flood men's average life span is starting to be reduced to what we know today.

Genesis 6:3 AMPC

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.

Psalm 55:23 AMPC

23 But You, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in, lean on, and confidently rely on You.

Matthew 24:21-22 AMPC

21 For then there will be great tribulation (affliction, distress, and oppression) such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now—no, and never will be [again]. 22 And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive, but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

According to scripture...

Psalm 116:15 AMPC

15 Precious (important and no light matter) in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (His loving ones).

Psalm 55:23 AMPC

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Based on the Word of God, the reason He started reducing the life span of man on an average is because of their wickedness. This doesn't mean anyone who doesn't live to be 70 was wicked. I'm talking about mankind in general or the natural man. Without God, that man in his heart is wicked as well.

<u>Jeremiah 17:9 AMPC</u>

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly perverse and corrupt and severely, mortally sick! Who can know it [perceive, understand, be acquainted with his own heart and mind]?

<u>Mark 7:21-22 AMPC</u>

21 For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery, 22 Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness).

Remember, As in the Days of Noah....God destroyed the earth because of their wickedness and reduced man's life span. Look what happened right after the flood...

Genesis 11:1-10 AMPC

1 And the whole earth was of one language and of one accent and mode of expression.

2 And as they journeyed eastward, they found a plain (valley) in the land of Shinar, and they settled and dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar.

4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.

7 Come, let Us go down and there confound (mix up, confuse) their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of the whole earth, and they gave up building the city.

9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel—because there the Lord confounded the language of all the earth; and from that place the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

10 This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood.

Romans 1:18-32 AMPC

<u>18 For God's [holy] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven</u> <u>against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their</u> <u>wickedness repress and hinder the truth and make it inoperative.</u>

19 For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.

20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification].

21 <u>Because when they knew and recognized Him as God</u>, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. <u>But instead they</u> <u>became futile and godless in their thinking</u> [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened.

22 <u>Claiming to be wise, they became fools</u> [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].

23 And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.

24 <u>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to</u> <u>sexual impurity</u>, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],

25 <u>Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped</u> <u>and served the creature rather than the Creator</u>, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it).

26 For this reason God gave them over and <u>abandoned them to vile</u> <u>affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their</u> <u>natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one</u>,

27 And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set <u>ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men</u> <u>committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies</u> <u>and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their</u> <u>wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.</u>

28 And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a <u>base</u> <u>and condemned mind</u> to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,

29 <u>Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of</u> <u>unrighteousness, iniquity (unrepentant sin)</u> grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers,

30 Slanderers, hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; *inventors of new forms of evil*, disobedient and undutiful to parents.

31 [*They were*] without understanding, conscienceless and <u>faithless</u>, heartless and loveless [and] merciless.

32 <u>Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those</u> who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them.

God's Word has already told us what will happen. The future has already been told to us in the past. Faith in what will take place comes from reading and hearing the Word of God which is the history of what will take place in the future! (Faith without acts of obedience leads to death).

God knew and knows the longer He allows someone to live that is wicked, they will raise up children who are wicked and take more and more ground for the enemy.

We are living on Limited Time and a Prophetic Calendar which God is allowing signs or things to be fulfilled so when we see these signs or things taking place we know He is about to tell Jesus to return.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the **former things**, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and **from ancient times the things** that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

<u>Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 AMPC</u>

9 <u>The thing</u> that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is <u>nothing</u> new under the sun.

10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has already been, in the vast ages of time [recorded or unrecorded] which were before us.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 KJV

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.



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