

As in the days of Noah & Lot

Community Bible Study
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Part Five

Genesis 8 AMPC

*1 **And God [earnestly] remembered Noah** and every living thing and all the animals that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind blow over the land, and the waters sank down and abated.*

Genesis 8:1 GNT

The End of the Flood

*8 **God had not forgotten Noah** and all the animals with him in the boat; he caused a wind to blow, and the water started going down.*

Note: The phrase “God remembered Noah” is used in the Old Testament when God remembers Covenant with His people who are experiencing distress and trouble (Gen. 19:29 30:22; Exod. 2:24; 6:5; 1 Sam. 1:19)

God remembered

Genesis 19:29 AMPC

29 When God ravaged and destroyed the cities of the plain [of Siddim], He [earnestly] remembered Abraham [imprinted and fixed him indelibly on His mind], and He sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when He overthrew the cities where Lot lived.

Genesis 30:22 AMPC

22 Then God remembered Rachel and answered her pleading and made it possible for her to have children.

God remembered

Exodus 2:24 AMPC

24 And God heard their sighing and groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 6:5 AMPC

5 I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved; and I have [earnestly] remembered My covenant [with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob].

I want to draw you attention to the story of Hannah (1 Samuel 1) and the birth of Samuel. Hannah desired to have a child with Elkanah, his other wife had children and the Word says “but he loved Hannah” and he gave a double portion (sacrificial meat that was blessed), for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had given her no children... here’s what happened.

1 Samuel 1:4-21 AMPC

6 [**This embarrassed and grieved Hannah**] and **her rival provoked her greatly to vex her, because the Lord had left her childless.**

7 So it was year after year; whenever Hannah went up to the Lord’s house, Peninnah provoked her, so she wept and did not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you cry? And why do you not eat? And why are you grieving? Am I not more to you than ten sons?

9 So Hannah rose after they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh. Now **Eli the priest was sitting on his seat beside a post of the temple (tent) of the Lord.**

10 And [Hannah] **was in distress of soul, praying to the Lord and weeping bitterly.**

11 She vowed, saying, **O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your handmaid and [earnestly] remember, and not forget Your handmaid but will give me a son, I will give him to the Lord all his life; no razor shall touch his head.**

12 And as she continued praying before the Lord, Eli noticed her mouth.

13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.

14 Eli said to her, How long will you be intoxicated? Put wine away from you.

19 The family rose early the next morning, worshiped before the Lord, and returned to their home in Ramah. Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

20 Hannah became pregnant and in due time bore a son and named him Samuel [heard of God], Because, she said, I have asked him of the Lord.

21 And Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow.

Not only did God remember Hannah with the birth of Samuel, he also gave her three more sons and two daughters. Samuel continued in his service at the temple, and when he was a young man, the Lord called to him and gave him the first of many visions. As he grew, the Lord was with him, and he became a trusted prophet.

Back to Noah...

The show of or measure of Faith that Noah had (not seeing one sign that a flood was coming) to build the ark (faith without its of acts of obedience to God's Word leads to death James 2:26) in the midst of wicked world should encourage and challenge all of us. The covenants and faithfulness (God perfuming His Word) that Noah remembered from the testimonies of those who had gone before fueled His Faith to continue in the task that God and called him to do. In the midst of those around him living for pleasure, prospering in ways of the world, He was found habitually righteous, he built the ark amidst all the ridicule, mocking from religious people that said God is not going to judge people like you say... **so God remembered Noah and His Covenant.**

Genesis 8 AMPC

1 And God [earnestly] remembered Noah and every living thing and all the animals that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind blow over the land, and the waters sank down and abated.

2 Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the gushing rain from the sky was checked,

3 And the waters receded from the land continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had diminished.

4 On the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat [in Armenia].

5 And the waters continued to diminish until the tenth month; on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the high hills were seen.

6 At the end of [another] forty days Noah opened a window of the ark which he had made

7 And sent forth a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters were dried up from the land.

8 Then he sent forth a dove to see if the waters had decreased from the surface of the ground.

9 But the dove found no resting-place on which to roost, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were [yet] on the face of the whole land. So he put forth his hand and drew her to him into the ark.

10 He waited another seven days and again sent forth the dove out of the ark.

11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a newly sprouted and freshly plucked olive leaf! So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the land.

12 Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, but she did not return to him any more.

13 In the year 601 [of Noah's life], on the first day of the first month, the waters were drying up from the land. And Noah [a]removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was drying.

14 And on the twenty-seventh day of the second month the land was entirely dry.

15 And God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 Go forth from the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives with you.

17 Bring forth every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the ground—that they may breed abundantly on the land and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his wife and his sons and their wives with him [after being in the ark one year and ten days].

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, every bird—and whatever moves on the land—went forth by families out of the ark.

20 And Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean [four-footed] animal and of every clean fowl or bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 When the Lord smelled the pleasing odor [a scent of satisfaction to His heart], the Lord said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination (the strong desire) of man's heart is evil and wicked from his youth; neither will I ever again smite and destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 9 AMPC

1 And God pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, **Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.**

2 And the fear of you and the dread and terror of you shall be upon every beast of the land, every bird of the air, all that creeps upon the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are delivered into your hand.

3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and as I gave you the green vegetables and plants, I give you everything.

4 But you shall not eat flesh with the life of it, which is its blood.

5 And surely for your lifeblood I will require an accounting; from every beast I will require it; and from man, from every man [who spills another's lifeblood] I will require a reckoning.

6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God He made man.

7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply on it.

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 Behold, **I establish My covenant or pledge with you and with your descendants after you**

10 And with every living creature that is with you—whether the birds, the livestock, or the wild beasts of the earth along with you, as many as came out of the ark—every animal of the earth.

11 I will establish My covenant or pledge with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood; neither shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth and make it corrupt.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant (solemn pledge) which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

13 I set My bow [rainbow] in the cloud, and it shall be a token or sign of a covenant or solemn pledge between Me and the earth.

14 And it shall be that when I bring clouds over the earth and the bow [rainbow] is seen in the clouds,

15 I will [earnestly] remember My covenant or solemn pledge which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy and make all flesh corrupt.

16 When the bow [rainbow] is in the clouds and I look upon it, I will [earnestly] remember the everlasting covenant or pledge between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said to Noah, This [rainbow] is the token or sign of the covenant or solemn pledge which I have established between Me and all flesh upon the earth.

18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan [born later].

19 These are the three sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was overspread and stocked with inhabitants.

20 And Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered and lay naked in his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, glanced at and saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

23 So Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon the shoulders of both, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, and knew the thing which his youngest son had done to him,

25 He exclaimed, Cursed be Canaan! He shall be the [a]servant of servants to his brethren!

26 He also said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! And blessed by the Lord my God be Shem! And let Canaan be his servant.

27 May God enlarge Japheth; and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood 350 years.

29 All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

As a result of Noah getting drunk and drinking the wine, a great problem was created from the one act of Noah. Sin doesn't just affect the person sinning but causes problems for those around you and sometimes not even close to you.

Jesus gives us a warning against drunkenness in the book of Luke speaking about the End of Time, that follower of Christ or the Word would be getting drunk.

Luke 21:31-36 AMPC

31 Even so, **when you see these things taking place, understand and know that the kingdom of God is at hand.**

32 Truly I tell you, **this generation ([a]those living at that definite period of time) will not perish and pass away until all has taken place.**

33 The [b]sky and the earth ([c]the universe, the world) will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the [d]giddiness and headache and [e]nausea of self-indulgence, **drunkenness**, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the [f]business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

The word used here in the Greek for drunkenness in verse 34 is *metha*. This word means an intoxicant or something that makes you *intoxicated*. When people get *intoxicated* it affects or takes over their personality.

There is a drug that is used today that is called meth (methamphetamine) Interesting that the Greek word used for drunkenness, metha, contains the root word meth. Meth changes the personality and it creates a false sense of well-being and energy, and so a person will tend to push his body faster and further than it is meant to go. Meth users experience a severe “crash” or physical and mental breakdown after the effects of the drugs wear off.

Because the drug decreases natural feelings of hunger, users can experience extreme weight loss. Negative effects can also include disturbed sleep patterns, hyperactivity, nausea, delusions of power, increased aggressiveness and irritability.

Other serious effects can include insomnia, confusion, hallucinations, anxiety and paranoia. Drunkenness or taking metha will be a sign of the End Times as it was in the days of Noah.

Note: _____

The pastor or preachers job...

2 Timothy 4:1-6 AMPC

*1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, **Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:***

*2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], **whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable.** [Whether it is **convenient or inconvenient,** whether it is **welcome or unwelcome,** you **as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.**] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, **warning** and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*

*3 For the time is coming when [people] **will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction,** but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], **they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,***

*4 And will **turn aside from hearing the truth** and wander off into **myths and man-made fictions.***

*5 **As for you,** be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.*

6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.

Another “thing” or sign at the End Of Time will be sorcery. It is mentioned three times in the Bible and twice in the book of Revelation. It is translated as the Greek word ***pharmakeia***.

Pharmeakeia was known at that time as magic or witchcraft but it was also used to refer to drugs or potions that were used to alter the state or the mind/thinking of a person.

In the United States today we have the spirit of pharmakeia, drug/alcohol addiction. Drunkenness/sorcery, or drunkenness and drug abuse is taking over cities, families **and now the church.**

Revelation 9:21 KJV

*21 **Neither repented** they of their **murders**, nor of their **sorceries**, nor of their **fornication**, nor of their thefts.*

John writes “neither repented” meaning it was iniquity...

Iniquity Defined

The Bible uses words such as iniquity, transgression, and trespass to indicate levels of disobedience to God. They are all categorized as “sin.” The Hebrew word used most often for “iniquity” means “guilt worthy of punishment.” Iniquity is sin at its worst. Iniquity is premeditated, continuing, escalating and unrepentant and will not enter the Kingdom Of Heaven.

This drunkenness or sorcery which is mind altering, is definitely a sign of the End of Time that was taking place at the time of Noah or “As In The Days Of Noah”. This is what Jesus said in our main text in Matthew 24 about the signs of the End Of Time...

Matthew 24:37-51 AMPC

37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

2 Peter 3:17 AMPC

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].

40 *At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.*

41 *Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.*

42 Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.

43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be undermined and broken into.

44 **You also must be ready therefore,** for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

45 *Who then is the faithful, thoughtful, and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household to give to the others the food and supplies at the proper time?*

46 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is that servant whom, when his master comes, he will find so doing.

47 *I solemnly declare to you, he will set him over all his possessions.*

48 But if that servant is wicked and says to himself, My master is delayed and is going to be gone a long time,

49 And begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken,

50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he is not aware,

51 And will punish him [if] cut him up by scourging] and put him with the pretenders (hypocrites); there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

This is what Jesus said in the book of Luke... this is for you and I today as He was telling His disciples what they must do to be found ready when He returns for the rapture of His followers, HIS Bride or the true Church.

Luke 12:15-48 AMPC

15 And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate [not sensible or unrestrained], desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); **for a man's life does not consist in and is not derived from** possessing [a]overflowing abundance or that which is [b]over and above his needs.

16 Then He told them a parable, saying, The land of a rich man was fertile and yielded plentifully.

17 And he considered and debated within himself, What shall I do? I have no place [in which] to gather together my harvest.

18 And he said, I will do this: **I will pull down my storehouses and build larger ones, and there I will store all [c]my grain or produce and my goods.**

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up, [enough] for many years. Take your ease; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself merrily.

20 But God said to him, You fool! This very night [d] they [the messengers of God] will demand your soul of you; and all the things that you have prepared, whose will they be?

21 So it is with the one who continues to lay up and hoard possessions for himself and is not rich [in his relation] to God [this is how he fares].

22 And **[Jesus] said to His disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious and troubled [with cares] about your life,** as to what you will [have to] eat; or about your body, as to what you will [have to] wear.

23 For life is more than food, and the body [more] than clothes.

24 Observe and consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn; and [yet] God feeds them. Of how much more worth are you than the birds!

25 **And which of you by being overly anxious and troubled with cares can add a [e]cubit to his stature or a moment [unit] of time to his [f]age [the length of his life]?**

26 *If then you are not able to do such a little thing as that, why are you anxious and troubled with cares about the rest?*

27 *Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither [wearily] toil nor spin nor [g]weave; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory (his splendor and magnificence) was not arrayed like one of these.*

28 *But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today, and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O you [people] of little faith?*

29 *And you, **do not seek [by meditating and reasoning to inquire into] what you are to eat and what you are to drink; nor be of anxious (troubled) mind [[h]unsettled, excited, worried, and [i]in suspense];***

30 For all the pagan world is [greedily] seeking these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

31 Only aim at and strive for and seek His kingdom, and all these things shall be supplied to you also.

32 *Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!*

33 *Sell what you possess and give donations to the poor; provide yourselves with purses and handbags that do not grow old, an unfailing and inexhaustible treasure in the heavens, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.*

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 *Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning,*

36 And be like men who are waiting for their master to return home from the marriage feast, so that when he returns from the wedding and comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately.

37 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and [j]to be envied) are those servants whom the master finds awake and alert and watching when he comes.

Truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them recline at table and will come and serve them!

38 *If he comes in the second watch (before midnight) or the third watch (after midnight), and finds them so, blessed (happy, fortunate, and [k]to be envied) are those servants!*

39 *But of this be assured: if the householder had known at what time the burglar was coming(the signs), he would have been awake and alert and watching and would not have permitted his house to be dug through and broken into.*

40 *You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour and a [l]moment when you do not anticipate it.*

41 *Peter said, Lord, are You telling this parable for us, or for all alike?*

42 *And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful steward, the wise man whom his master will set over those in his household service to supply them their allowance of food at the appointed time?*

43 *Blessed (happy and [m]to be envied) is that servant whom his master finds so doing when he arrives.*

44 *Truly I tell you, he will set him in charge over all his possessions.*

45 But if that servant says in his heart, My master is late in coming, and begins to strike the menservants and the maids and to eat and drink and get drunk,

Luke 12:45 breakdown

Luke 12:45 KJV

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

But and if that servant say in his heart

Not the same servant before spoken of as a wise and faithful steward, that gives to all in the family the portion of meat in due season, and shall be found doing, and be made ruler over his master's goods but another, who also, as he, is made by his Lord ruler over his household, and is in a like post, and in the same office, but is an "evil servant", as Matthew calls him, to distinguish him from the other;

my Lord delayeth his coming;

though a wicked servant, he calls Christ his Lord; but it is not saying Lord, Lord, that will be of any avail, but doing the will of God, by believing in Christ, and obeying his commands: he had a notion of the coming of Christ, though he did not desire it; and because he tarried longer than was expected, supposed him to be slack concerning his promise, and began to think, and hope, and at length to believe, that he would not come at all, and therefore gave himself up to a wicked and **licentious way of living:**

licentious defined: indulging freedom to excess; unrestrained by law or morality; loose; dissolute; promiscuous and unprincipled in sexual matters.

Luke 12:45 breakdown

Luke 12:45 KJV

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens;

to persecute the ministers of the Gospel, and the true disciples of Christ that follow the Lamb where ever **He goes:** (He = Jesus is the Word)

and to eat, and drink, and to be drunken:

to live a voluptuous and sensual life, to give himself up to intemperance and debauchery: and, generally speaking, as professors of religion, when they turn apostates, are the most violent persecutors of the saints; so such persecutors of Christ's faithful followers are commonly drunkards and debauchees;

Luke 12:46-48 AMPC

46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he does not know, and will punish him and cut him off and assign his lot with [n]the unfaithful.

47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act as he would wish him to act shall be beaten with many [lashes].

Drunkennes in Noah's day existed, Noah drank (was not his habit, he was not a drunkard but he sinned) and the Bible said became drunk. He was trying to be a righteous man, and this is going to happen in the Last Days as well... do you believe it is a sin? therefore you repent or, do you no longer believe it is a sin? therefore - no need to repent because of false thinking or false teaching by pastor, preacher author told you?

Now, we are going to look at God's Word about homosexuality. Noah was laying inside his tent naked...

Genesis 9:21-23 KJV

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Genesis 9:21-23 AMPC

21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered and lay naked in his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, glanced at and saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

23 So Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon the shoulders of both, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

Why did Shem and Japheth go into the tent backwards?



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