

As in the days of

Noah & Lot



Community Bible Study
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Part Four

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 in their entirety.** And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,*

*3 **Blessed (happy, 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.***

God's Word has already told us what will happen at "The Time of the End". 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!

One of those "things" from part 3 as a sign at the Time of the End, is wickedness. Wickedness in high places; governments, education systems, media, false teaching in churches and in general, man's heart will wax cold. "Wax cold" as a result of false doctrines (in the name of Christ or the Word), being deceived and duped, no longer loving the truth with many being offended by the truth when it is preached.

Matthew 24:1-12 AMPC

1 Jesus departed from the temple 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 [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 birth pangs [of the 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 [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 the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and 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. It means, unrepentant sin.

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. **God uses these signs and witnesses to prepare anyone who will listen. It is not His desire that anyone should perish.**

2 Peter 3:9 AMPC

*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.***

God gives us a witness to what is going to happen, an **opportunity to repent**, turn 180 degrees or change the direction in which we are going that leads to death. **God's Word contains many warnings about wickedness and what it is.** Those who obeyed the warnings from God were spared the predicted consequences. Before we look at some of these, let's look at the primary dictionary definition of the word "warn".

Warn Defined:

to tell (a person) of a danger, coming evil, misfortune, etc.; put on guard, caution.

God has always made known to His people about impending times of trouble, and given them time to prepare or escape. **He warned Noah and his family** of the coming flood and directed them how to prepare to survive it.

Hebrews 11:7 KJV

*7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of **things not seen as yet**, moved with fear, **prepared an ark to the saving of his house**; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

Hebrews 11:7 AMPC

7 **[Prompted] by faith** Noah, **being forewarned by God concerning events** of which **as yet there was no visible sign**, took heed (notice) and diligently (works) and reverently (respect) 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** (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).

He warned Lot and his family of the coming destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and told them to flee.

Genesis 19:14 KJV

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, **Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city**. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

The son-in-laws scoffed at his warning, thought he was surely joking and not to be taken seriously about his warning of God's judgment and the way to escape before it was too late.

What did Jesus say that it would be like at the End of Time?

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; people in the church - it will be better soon...

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.

What did Peter say that it would be like at the End of Time?

2 Peter 3:1-7 AMPC

1 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,

(Faith comes by hearing the Word - Rom. 10:17)

2 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).

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.

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)!

What did Jude say that it would be like at the End of Time ?

Jude 3-10 AMPC

3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. **[But] I found it necessary and was impelled** to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to **contend for the faith** which was once for all **handed down to the saints** [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].

4 For **certain men have crept in stealthily** [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) **persons who pervert the grace** (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God **into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality,** and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

5 Now **I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all,** that though the Lord [at one time] **delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe** [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].

6 And **angels who did not keep** (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.

7 **[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.**

8 Nevertheless in like manner, **these dreamers also corrupt the body,** scorn and reject authority and government (righteous laws), and revile and **libel and scoff** at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).

Dreamers: A man lost in his imagination; a mope, To be very stupid; a sluggard; ignorant

Isaiah 56:10 AMPC

10 [Israel's] **watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming,** lying down, they love to slumber.

11 Yes, the dogs are greedy; they never have enough. And **such are the shepherds who cannot understand; they have all turned to their own way,** each one to his own gain, from every quarter [one and all].

12 Come, say they, **We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.**

Libel: defaming Slander, damage reputation expose to public hatred

Scoff: Derision: laugh at, ridicule, mockery or reproach

Jude 9

9 But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!

10 But these men revile **(scoff and sneer at)** anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand;

14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)

15 **To execute judgment upon** all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] **admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.**

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.

God warned the Pharaoh of Egypt, through Joseph, of the coming famine and used Joseph to prepare stores of grain during the seven years of plenty, which saved Egypt and Joseph's family when a seven year famine followed the times of plenty.

Genesis 41:30-31 AMPC

30 Then there will come seven years of hunger and famine, and [there will be so much want that] all the great abundance of the previous years will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and hunger (destitution, starvation) will exhaust (consume, finish) the land.

31 And the plenty will become quite unknown in the land because of that following famine, for it will be very woefully severe.

When what is right or righteous is done, which is listening and obeying God's commands, the people rejoice because their needs were taken care of. They listened to Joseph and he knew what to do because God told Him or God's Word instructed/warned him.

Proverbs 29:2 AMPC

*2 When the **[uncompromisingly] righteous** are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.*

God warned the Israelites living under Egyptian slavery that the "angel of death" would kill all the first-born of every family and that they must protect themselves and their families by placing the blood of a lamb over the door posts, so the angel would "pass over" them.

23 For the Lord will pass through to slay the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and the two side posts, **the Lord will pass over the door** and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to slay you.

24 **You shall observe this** rite for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever.

25 **When you come to the land which the Lord will give you**, as He has promised, **you shall keep this service.**

26 **When your children shall say to you, What do you mean by this service?**

27 **You shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He slew the Egyptians but spared our houses. And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.**

This is for the remembrance of what God has done. This is how Peter addressed the church, “beloved, remember...”

God warned the wicked people of Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, of God's coming destruction through Jonah. When they repented, the judgment was averted and did not come for a number of years.

Jonah 3:4-5 GNT

4 Jonah started through the city, and after walking a whole day, he proclaimed, “In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed!”

5 The people of Nineveh believed God's message. So they decided that everyone should fast, and all the people, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth **to show that they had repented.**

Jonah 3:4-5 AMPC

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

5 So **the people of Nineveh believed in God and proclaimed a fast** and put on sackcloth [in penitent mourning], from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

When people read God's Word and understand that He is not lying about what He said He will do - they have a choice to change or not change. To be obedient or willfully ignorant. Remember what happened to Enoch when he grasped God's judgment and believed it?

Genesis 5:22 AMPC

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

Genesis 5:24 AMPC

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

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.

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).

Hebrews 11:1 AMPC

11 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation,)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]. ... without faith it is impossible to please God - but you wont repent...

Hebrews 11:6 AMPC

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]. why is impossible - because it proves you don't believe he is a rewarder or punisher - you don't believe he will judge

Enoch walked habitually with God after the revelation and had faith that God would perform His Word. He believed and had so much faith in what God revealed to Him and in the testimony of those who had gone before him that he named his son Methuselah which meant...”When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent” or “His Death Brings”.

The sign(s) of Jesus return isn't just wickedness but all these “things” or “signs” taken together collectively...

Matthew 24:33 NASB

33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

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

These signs include: after Israel becomes a nation again, when you see the forming of the 7th Empire of Biblical history (globalism - animals over humans and homosexuality being accepted in the christian church - Romans 1) when you see Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 about to happen, one world religion and government etc.

When we look at the days of Noah and Lot we have many books that we can use to study this information. We have the Torah which contains the story of the flood and the days of Lot. We also have the Oral Traditions that the Jews had and the sacred writings of the Jews. We are going to put all this together as we continue moving on in this series. This is what Jesus said in the book of Luke.

Luke 17:26-30 AMPC

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

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Just as it was in the days of Noah and as it was in the days of Lot is what it will be like when Jesus returns to rapture His Bride. This is why the coming of Christ, the Rapture of the Church, is so important to understand because it is a secret, meaning we don't know the day or hour but the season we can know because we are commanded to know.

Mark 13:32 KJV

32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

In the days of Noah and Lot they had signs as well. They had witnesses, they had God's messengers telling them it was coming but many did not believe the signs or want to believe they would be judged. They had an ark being built, animals marching through town and Methuselah was walking around longer than anyone had before - a big sign.

Just like today, there are signs everywhere and some will discern while others will not: scoffing, mocking, twisting the truth, itching ear preaching that is not preparing anyone but causing people to go to sleep in the church while this is taking place. The ones who believe, change the way they are living because they know the signs, they will be saved from destruction. The others, who don't change, who don't believe, will be destroyed and spend eternity in hell.

We know from the Bible and history in general that in the days of Noah and Lot there was a lot of pleasure, prosperity, planting, eating, drinking, people getting married, etc.

Matthew 24:37-39 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.*

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In Part 5 we are going to be looking at some “things” from the days of Noah and Lot that are taking place in the church right now as a sign that God’s Word is true, the Prophets are “Never Wrong”.



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