

“AS in the DAYS of Noah” - a POSITIVE look



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Summary:

If I were to ask, what will the very last days be like?” – what would you immediately think of? What scriptures come to mind?

- **“As in the days of Noah”. We all think of that.**
- **Some of you will think of “As in the days of Lot”. We all think of this too.** We immediately equate what was happening in Genesis 19 with what we see in today’s society.

When we hear the phrase “as in the days of Noah” and “as in the days of Lot” – Luke 17 – what do you and I typically think of... and not necessarily wrongly so?

We think of days of depravity*, extreme evil, unspeakable violence. We think of days of perversion we may just now be beginning to see. We read of giants of enormous size. Some of you will think of manipulation of genetics so one’s DNA strain and pedigree is violated. Scripture says the thoughts of men’s hearts were of EVIL continually.

We’ll look at the actual scriptures later – and we think the Same of Jesus’ statement about “as in the days of LOT” – in Luke 13. We think of all the evils of Sodom.

BUT WAS all the perverse and violent evil of those days – in the days of Noah and days of LOT, the only things we are to think of when we think of “the last days”? And can there be anything POSITIVE to say about the Days of Noah and Days of LOT? We’ll SEE!

Besides the last days being like the days of Noah or Lot -- perhaps some of you thought of other verses – (Post now) like 2 Timothy 3:1 – where perilous times are described. I'LL summarize.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

“But know this, that in the last days PERILOUS TIMES will come:

2 For men will be *lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”*

A FEW of you will remember the prophecies for the last days that our forefather Jacob/Israel gave to EACH OF his 12 sons, proclaiming what they'll be like – even as existing end-time NATIONS in the very last days....

Genesis 49:1-2

And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what **shall befall you in the last days:**

2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father.”

Others of you who know your Bible real, when I ask “what are the Last days” described as, might even think of 2 Pet 3:1-4, where it says in the last days SCOFFERS (Post now) will come, sarcastically asking “so where IS he? Where’s the promise of his coming, of his return?”

2 Peter 3:1-2, I'll summarize verses 1-2

“Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior...”

Now let's finish this text with 2 Peter 3:3-4

3 knowing this first: **that SCOFFERS will come in the last days,** walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

Great start. Great descriptions of the end time days. But probably most of us think first MOST often of “as in the days of Noah” and “as in the days of Lot”.

But I think a lot of us MISS what Yeshua focused on!

So let's read what Yeshua actually says about it in Matthew 24. The verse about Noah is v 37, but let's get a running start first.

Matthew 24:29-31

"Immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

The great tribulation is the 5th seal of Revelation 6. And the signs in the heavens is the 6th seal of Revelation 6. Next he talks about the FIG tree. The FIG tree was a known picture of Israel. As it's budding leaves you know summer is nigh – PICTURING in the same way we should know the return of Christ is nigh when we see certain things all beginning to happen.

Matthew 24:32-33

"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. **33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near – at the doors!**

(Luke 21:29-31 says “know the KINGDOM OF GOD is near...” Now jumping to v 36-37 – here it is -p- “as in the days of Noah”.

Matthew 24:36-39

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

37 *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark..."

I ask you – is there anything wrong with eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage?*** NO. *He's saying everything continued normally...or so it seemed. It's repeated in Luke 21:26-27. Same thing. Matthew 24:39 now...*

Matthew 24:39

"and DID NOT KNOW [seemed to have no CLUE] until the flood came and took them all away, SO ALSO will be the coming of the Son of Man."

But now let me ask you: what's Yeshua focusing on? On the evils of their day? ON the giants and genetic manipulation they were likely doing?* On the constant violence and evil of their day? ** When WE say "as in the days of Noah"...that's what WE focus on.

Those things were happening, yes. And the last days will be like that again, YES. But what was Yeshua's focus on?

He was focused on HOW FAST it all wrapped up when it wrapped up!** BUT THERE'S MORE. There was something VERY, VERY POSITIVE about the Flood, the ark, and Days of Noah... I'll come to that.***

I HOPE we've learned how quickly things can change – with our Corona virus experience!

Christ went on to say how SUDDENLY the return of Christ was – we won't know the HOUR of his coming and we'll be out doing our daily routines when it happens!

Christ goes on... telling his OWN disciples that even THEY could be caught off guard.

Matthew 24:40-42

Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

42 Watch therefore, for *YOU do not know* what hour your Lord is coming.

Then in verse 44 (Post now) he says focus on BEING ready, having that close relationship and bond with Christ and your Father in heaven – don't focus on GETTING ready but on BEING ready. And being ready is not about

saving up a lot of gold, or food, or having escape hatches. It's about knowing your SAVIOR. It's not on plotting all your prophetic timelines, because our Master says he's returning – when we DON'T think he is, at a time we don't expect!

He says here and in Luke 21 to WATCH. That has more to do with watching our spiritual condition, that we're spiritually alert and awake, and spiritually dressed and ready to act on circumstances happening!

Matthew 24:44

“Therefore you also **BE ready**, for the Son of Man is coming **at an hour YOU do not expect.**”

OK, several things here:

- ***Yeshua DOES INDEED say it shall be as in the days of Noah. So what do we all do with that statement?***

We decide we should go find out what the days of Noah were like and then apply that to our times. Nothing wrong with that. But it's not in the same THRUST, or CONTEXT in which Christ speaks.

Let's go back:

What do WE know about how things were in the days of Noah?

If you read Genesis 6:1-8, we'll see. Let's pick out a few points

Genesis 6:1-2

“Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

Whatever this was going on – YHVH was not happy! Let me summarize quickly what we can read in the next few verses: v.3 – God felt he was striving, fighting against humanity (v.4) - giants, something strange about them, constant great wickedness non-stop (v. 5)

Genesis 6:3-5

And YHVH said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 **There were giants** on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5 Then YHVH saw that **the WICKEDNESS of man was great** in the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL CONTINUALLY.**

Genesis 6:6-8

“And YHVH was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So YHVH said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of YHVH.”

But when Yeshua says “as in the days of Noah” -- does Jesus even mention any of those things AT ALL? *** No!

Were those things going on? YES, they were. It was a very, very evil time – SO evil that God was sorry he ever made mankind!

But in his Matthew 24 statement, Yeshua never mentions

- the sons of God who were making giant offspring,
- never mentions how the thoughts of their hearts were evil continually,
- never mentions that violence filled the earth...

Jesus never mentions those!

Instead (INSTEAD) his warning was on HOW SUDDENLY, HOW QUICKLY things UNEXPECTEDLY wrapped up!!! This China virus we have going around the world is a wakeup call in how SUDDENLY we can go from a BOOMING economy to bankruptcy!***

We'll see the same thing when LOT is mentioned in Luke 17.
DAYS OF LOT

Luke 17:26-27

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:28-30

Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 but *on the DAY that Lot went out* of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.:

Yeshua goes on, but once again-- does he decry their violence, their perversions, their evils? ** That was all there, *but not what Yeshua focused on here*. His POINT is this:

God HEARS his people, even in the most dangerous of times and takes care of them.

But don't MISUNDERSTAND ME! I totally agree that we're watching our society turn into Sodom. Just recently, Washington state passed laws that will now MANDATE that children age 5 and up will now be taught about homosexuality, transgenderism, fornication, sexual parts – things that if you talked or *showed* these things graphically to children before, you could be imprisoned for! You parents in Washington – SPEAK UP! Or pull your children out of public schools and HOME SCHOOL them.

Let's continue: I'll summarize some of this...

Luke 17:31-36

"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, *let him not come down to take them away*. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left.

36 Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

His focus AGAIN is on the SUDDENNESS of being taken away from the scene. And on BEING READY to act! To MOVE, and

Now here's PART of the POSITIVE look at the days of Lot and Noah: THAT GOD'S PEOPLE are remembered by God and protected by God, at least he KNOWS who they are, what's happening – and though he allows many to be martyrs, he also does PROTECT thousands more from the worst times the world has ever seen.

Hold that thought!

And Peter adds something ELSE that will happen in the last days – going on at the same time that Peter and Paul also said the world will be

getting worse and worse, PETER was also inspired to write this ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, which in 2020 is coming up in just a few days!

Acts 2:16-18

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 **'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.**

18 ***And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.***

Acts 2:19-21

"I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:

Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness,

And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

21 And it shall come to pass

That whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Shall be saved.'

GOD'S SPIRIT CONTINUES to pour out to those who call out to him in the last days. That's GREAT news. That's a POSITIVE ANGLE. I think as we come to Pentecost these days, let's ASK FOR MORE of God's nature, HIS very presence in us – HIS SPIRIT to fill us!

We could be seeing a POWERFUL church, full of God's spirit, if more of US would respond!

AND, our God continues to SAVE THOSE –even in the Great Tribulation – who call out to him.

We see this played out in Revelation 6 and 7 especially. Revelation 6 speaks of the first 6 seals of God.

So how there is still so much POSITIVE even when so much negative is going on -- IS SO CLEAR in Revelation 7, and part of the

GOOD POSITIVE LOOK at “as in the days of Noah” and “as in the days of LOT”.

But before we read Revelation 7, let's get a running start and see context in Rev. 6.

The first 4 represent the increasing visibility of wars, false prophets, wars all over the earth, famines, pestilences/disease – and just widespread death. This Wuhan coronavirus from China is but the beginning.

Then the 5th seal, starting in Rev. 6:9-11 –(POST NOW) is about the GREAT TRIBULATION, the great martyrdom and persecution against the children of God. MANY will indeed be martyred. But there is also some hope... let's see.

Revelation 6:9-11 The Great Tribulation 5th seal

“When He opened the FIFTH seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been SLAIN for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, **until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, *who would be killed as they were, was completed.***”

THEN AFTER the great Tribulation will be great COSMIC signs and disturbances – I'll post the scripture up here for a few seconds, and just write it down so you can go back and read it later.... My POINT IS, it's exactly as Christ says in Matthew 24, AFTER the Great Tribulation, the sun becomes dark from all the volcanic ash, fires, wars going on...

Revelation 6:12-17

“I looked when He opened SIXTH SEAL, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

So it's just a terrible time coming ahead for the world... but keep reading in Chapter 7 and we SEE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, MAYBE MILLIONS who are special to God.

REVELATION 7:1-4

7 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "**Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**" 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. **One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel** were sealed:

OK let's move to verses 9-17. I'll summarize it on video and post the scripture. (post verse 9 as I read it... then post verses 13-15 as I discuss it briefly)

Revelation 7:9-17

9 ***After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes,*** with palm branches in their hands,

10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "*Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?*"

14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "***These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***

15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

SO AFTER the GREAT TRIBULATION, after the heavenly signs of Revelation 6, are the recognition of God's children in Revelation 7. Then Rev 8:1 goes on to the 7th seal and 7 last plagues.

Revelation 8:1-3

"When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets."

So what's the POSITIVE ANGLE? Did you pick it up? ****

Here it is:

Yes it's going to be a rough, rough time. And it can all start right in this decade. I think it can. Or take longer – that's up to our God. But let's be ready, no matter when, for our next conscious moment with Christ's return could be with our next heart beat! OUR own LAST DAYS can be at any time.

But the POSITIVE angle is this: EVEN IN THOSE DARK TIMES, THOSE OF YOU AND US, WHO WILL CALL OUT TO GOD, AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD, SHALL BE SAVED.

EVEN in the face of all the evil, God is still AWARE of his people – so he put Noah and family in an ARK, that actually pictured Christ. There was no RUDDER on that ark – they had to trust their God. There was only ONE DOOR into it... as Christ is the WAY, HE is the LIFE. But GOD PROTECTED them, and suddenly at that.

In Lot's day, in one NIGHT and early the next morning – it all SUDDENLY ENDED for Sodom and the other 4 cities of the plain as fire and brimstone/Sulphur rained down. But again, THEIR GOD, OUR GOD,

protected Lot and his daughters, though his wife did not obey and looked back.

WE CAN'T LOOK BACK upon our calling. We can't look back on other members of our family that's STILL IN SPIRITUAL SODOM – though we pray for them. But Lot and his daughters were SAVED.

There DOES seem to be a place of safety for those of the Philadelphian mindset spiritually. Go to our home page and write in “Place of safety” - given in March 2012. But ultimately your place of safety is not the ark – but WHOM IT PICTURES: OUR GOD.

There's a BIG, BIG mistake some of you are making though – of looking to the Place of Safety, or some of you look to a Rapture as your protection. BIG MISTAKE. Those who seek to save their lives will lose it. We read it earlier.

What you need to be focused on is your – ready, what we focus on here at LOTR – FOCUS ON

- LOVING, OBEYING, COMING TO KNOW your Savior and your Father*** intimately. Ask to be OVERFLOWING with His Spirit.
- and then coming to deeply LOVE, with all your heart, humanity as your own brothers and sisters, no matter what they do and who they are.

STOP the attacks and name calling of those in authority... and PRAY for them instead. Sure, you and I can and should SPEAK UP against things evil, but we must still love our neighbor as ourselves.

Yes, times will get real, real bad... but our God remembers who you are, where you are and what he needs to do with you – just like he did for Noah and Lot. And THAT'S a very positive angle.