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WE ARE NOW LIVING IN THE DAYS OF NOAH AND LOT

Remember when Jesus said in Luke 17 that the time of his return would be just like the days of Noah and the days of Lot?

And what exactly were those days?

Simply this: that despite all the sin, all the evil behavior everywhere around, the people of those days just continued in their normal daily activities. They were buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage, and so on. They just couldn't see the evil. They couldn't understand it.

But God could and did. And so he called Noah to build the ark to save his family and representatives of the animals. And he sent angels to save Lot and his family.

Remember how God was so disturbed by the evil in Noah's day that he first had planned to eliminate all people (see Genesis 6:5-6) before he decided to have righteous Noah build the ark? And remember how his angels were on their way to Sodom where Lot lived to see if what the people had done was as bad as the reports that had reached the Lord? Abraham pleaded for the people of the city and eventually God agreed he would spare the city if ten righteous people could be found there. Obviously ten could not be found.

Just at the right moment when the ark was completed, Noah and his family went into the ark and God sealed it tight. The waters came and everyone left outside the ark on earth, every living thing, died. Similarly, just at the right moment, God's angels forcefully took a reluctant Lot and his family out of Sodom to save them, and fire and sulfur fell on that city and on Gomorrah and on surrounding areas and destroyed everyone.

After describing what happened in the days of Noah and the days of Lot, Jesus said in Luke 17:30 *"It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed."* In other words, when Jesus comes for his sheep, for his believers.

Our times are just like those times. Full of sin and the people do not notice.

- The Supreme Court approved homosexual marriage. Everywhere you see activities of the LGBTQ movement, always pushing forward. Just recently Chicago held a gay pride parade with thousands shoulder to shoulder right in the midst of the coronavirus social distancing rule. The month of June was just celebrated in America as the LGBT month (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.). As we have written before, God cannot abide homosexuality.

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He does not put up with it. He will of course forgive sin if a person repents and asks for that forgiveness. But habitual sin, on-going living in rebellion against God, is another thing.

- God does not tolerate murder either. Years ago the court approved abortion. To date more than 50 million people have been killed that way.
- Our movies and many television programs are crude and immoral. Many of our leaders are too. Everywhere there is a falling away from God. One of the leaders of the violence in the recent riots accompanying the protests says he wants to remove the pictures of the white Jesus and his white European mother.

The level of delusion and deception in our society is enormous. The Bible warns of both of these in the last days as we also have discussed before. Right now we are witnessing serious left wing anarchists who have taken over protests and are now mounting demonstrations against America and what most hold dear. They wreck statues of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln! Lincoln freed the slaves!!! There might truly be no one “United” States of America without him. Surely Washington brought the nation into being originally. And these anarchists attacked the WWII memorial in DC which commemorates all killed and wounded in that fight against the absolute evil of the axis powers. They want a new national anthem, maybe the song “Imagine” by John Lennon which says “Imagine there’s no heaven.” I don’t want to. There is a heaven. It is apparent the goal of these anarchists is the destruction of America as most of us have known it.

In all this, the elected leaders of America have done little or nothing in most cases to uphold the law of the land, to protect the people. The first responsibility of the president and all the governors and mayors is the protection of the people. The great majority of law abiding Americans who built this country have been shocked to see most of their elected leaders do nothing. In fact, many have given in to the blackmailers. Further, elected legislators are for the most part doing just as the people of Noah’s and Lot’s days did – they are going about business as if nothing is wrong. They debate possible legislation as if things were the same as always, while the violence and potential threats continue.

These are the days of Noah and Lot. Despite all written above, most people around us are living as if all is ok, all the time sheltering in their homes, wearing masks, not socializing, ignoring and not seeing the looming catastrophe that is all around. But all is not ok.

These are the days Jesus spoke of.

He finished his remarks on this with these words of his sudden return:

I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. (Luke 17:34-35)

It will happen. Jesus told us.

Jesus, you can’t come soon enough for your believers. Please help each of your believers to accomplish all you have for them to do before your imminent return.

And, as the beloved disciple John said at the very end of the Bible, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

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Thomas and Ann and the New Restrooms

Thought you might like a quick report on Thomas and Ann and their evangelical ministry, orphanage, church, and family in Kenya. Recently the serious rainy season led to a collapse of the outdoor restroom facilities for their orphanage and home. This was quite a problem, and our ministry was able to help them rebuild this facility shown here. They seem to be doing well, although it is quite a struggle in this coronavirus time period when they are sheltering in place under government orders. Food is a big challenge. Our ministry continues to help in an ongoing way.



REMEMBER: The god of this world has blinded the minds of nonbelievers...

I have written the warning about deception so many times. It is the explanation for much of what you see in human behavior in our world today. 2 Corinthians 4:4 makes it clear: *The god of this world has blinded the minds of nonbelievers...*

You know who the god of this world is – Satan, the devil, the evil one, Lucifer, whatever you care to call him. John notes in 1 John 5:19 that *the whole world is under the control of the evil one*.

Jesus' first warning about these times was to “**watch out that you are not deceived** (Luke 21:8)”.

So many can't see how far the country has fallen. So many can't see the rampant evil everywhere. So many can't see the steady move to a one-world government.

It takes the gift of discernment to separate truth from falsehood, to be able to see past deception. It takes the guidance of the Holy Spirit to realize and see what is happening.

Beyond all this deception we have so many out there living in absolute delusion. You see them on your television screen or on the Internet. You hear them speak. And you are incredulous! How could they come up with such opinions and views. They are just wrong. Their actions will destroy what is good about society, not improve it. You know that. Well, just remember, during these end times, God sends to those who refuse to believe the truth (the gospel, Jesus and who he is and what he has done) a delusion. They just live in that delusion. While for some this may be later, even during the Tribulation period, it is pretty apparent that a great number have that delusion right now. (see our April 2018 newsletter for a full discussion of this).

These are just fundamentally dangerous and unpleasant times. I do not know how much more difficult they will become or precisely the moment Jesus will return. But it will be soon. If you know something he has asked you to do, this surely is the time to do that if you are able. If he must open some door for that to happen, then be in prayer about it. Be sure to pray God's protection on you and yours always. See the April 2020 newsletter for more on that protection.

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-I wish Martin Luther King were here now. And Abraham Lincoln. And Ronald Reagan and John Kennedy. But they aren't. You and I are. This is our time to keep our eyes on Jesus, to stand for him and truth and all that is good and decent, to tell others about him. Jesus – coming soon.

-When did elected leaders forget their primary role is to protect all citizens. In recent violence hiding behind legitimate protests, we see authorities standing back, the same who stopped people from going to church! We must hold them accountable to the positions they occupy.

-Without law and order, without accountability for actions, without leaders of integrity, there is no civil society. And no individual safety, independence, or freedom. Rise in lawlessness – a clear sign of the last days.

-Rise in lawlessness, falling away from God, locusts in much of the world, earthquakes everywhere, the steady move to greater government control – you don't need more signs. These are the last hours. Jesus will come soon at an unexpected moment.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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