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6. God will Preserve a Remnant of Faithful Believers. The number may be small relative to the number of people on earth, but God always has a remnant. When the judgment of the flood came, God had only one faithful man and his family (Genesis 6:8-9; Hebrews 11:7). In the final hours of history, God will have his remnant and if you are a Christian, you are one of them. Christians are few in number worldwide, but God has always amazed the many by empowering the few (James 2:5). **“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man”** - Matthew 24:37.

7. Judgment Will Come. God protected Noah and his family all the way. God's Word is faithful and his righteousness will remain intact. After Noah and his family entered the ark, *“the floodwaters came on the earth”* (Genesis 7:10). Oh how patient God was then—and is today! *“The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord WILL COME as unexpectedly as a thief”* (2Peter 3:9-10). When his patience runs its course, when all who will come have entered the ark, so to speak, God will shut the door. God won't change his mind about the future. So, be ready because, **“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man”** - Matthew 24:37.

8. The Believers will be Delivered from the Judgment of God. Not a drop of rain fell until Noah entered the ark (Genesis 7:16). Not one drop! Safe in the ark, (a type of Christ) Noah and his family rose above the judgment. This is a picture of what God is

going to do for his church. The Bible teaches that God will rescue his believers, just before his wrath is poured out on this sinful world. It is often referred to as the ‘Rapture’, which is the Latin word for ‘catching up’ in 1Thessalonians 4:17. The Lord will come from heaven to the clouds of the sky and ‘call up’ his own to go to be with him in heaven. This may happen soon, before the worldwide Tribulation judgment comes. **“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man”** - Matthew 24:37.

Are you reading this and hearing the words of Jesus, **“As it was** [in the days of Noah], **so it will be** [at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man]”? - Matthew 24:37. Are you aware of the coming judgment day? It is going to happen! The world is rushing towards Armageddon. What about you? Are you ready? Are you a believer—a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ? Noah was a believer and we read *“It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before. By his faith he condemned the rest of the world and was made right in God's sight”* - (Hebrews 11:7). Obviously you do not have to build an ark, but you do need to belong to Christ. Open your heart and mind and in faith trust Jesus today before it's too late. God loves you; Christ died for you; he alone will save you. The Bible says, *“If you confess with your mouth, that “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified [made right with God], and it is with your mouth that you confess [I believe] and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame”* (Romans 10: 9 -11).

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Matthew 24:37, 38 - Luke 17:26, 27

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus], the Son of Man” - Jesus in Matthew 24:37.

Much could be said about the days of Noah, but in this study we will consider 8 parallels between Noah's day and the years before Christ returns. The words of Jesus above, refer to the need for people to be prepared for his return. The people in Noah's time were not prepared for the coming flood. Jesus said, *“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man [Jesus] will come at an hour when you do not expect him” - Matthew 24:44.*

Christians who love and serve Jesus are like the two church folk, who during local floods were trying to help out and warn people of impending road damage up ahead. They held up signs saying, *“The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!”* A car sped by and a guy yelled out the window, *“Leave us alone you religious nuts!”* As the car disappeared around the next curve, they heard the sound of screeching tires and a big splash. One of them turned to the other and asked, *“Do you think the sign should just say ‘Bridge Out?’”* Sadly the world is not listening to the warnings from God, the Bible or his family of Christians. We need to go back to Genesis and other Scriptures to see what people were doing before the flood. Jesus said, *“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus], the Son of Man”.* We are already seeing the conditions of Noah's day beginning to develop in our time. Here are 8 indicators...

1. The World at large will either Scoff at or Ignore Christ's Return. The people in the time of Noah did not believe the message about a coming flood. Today

people say, *“Where is the promise of His [Jesus] coming?”* (2Peter 3:4). The men of Noah's day were not on a campaign to defy God. They simply had tuned him out of their consciousness. They had written him out of their playbook. They had replaced him with a humanistic philosophy. They said every man was the captain of his own fate. They weren't anti-God, they just ignored him.

There are pockets in the world that still acknowledge God, and there are areas that are in violent conflict with the very name of Jesus. But overall, the reality is simply that God is not important. We must remember - *“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man” - Matthew 24:37.*

2. There will be a Pre-occupation with Immorality and Perversion. In the days of Noah, *“When the human population began to grow rapidly on the earth, the men saw the beautiful women of the human race and took any they wanted as their wives”* (Genesis 6:1-2). In Noah's day *“God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways”* (Genesis 6:12).

As Christ's coming draws near, morality will fade into immorality and immorality will fade into amorality. Prostitution, pornography, and perversion will become increasingly more common and acceptable.

Have you watched the news lately or read the papers? Corruption abounds everywhere. *“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man.” - Matthew 24:37.*

3. The Home and Family Life will Decay into Relative Insignificance.

In Noah's day, there was no respect for home life or morality; no respect for the permanence of marriage.

Easy divorce was destroying the foundation of the home. There was no respect for the dignity of human beings; and no respect for parents (Genesis 6:4). Today it is much the same. *“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be when Jesus the Son of Man returns” - Matthew 24:37.*

4. Violence and Bloodshed became a Way of Life. If you read Genesis 6:1-13 you will find out how unsafe it was in Noah's community. The picture focuses in on a society where it was not safe to walk the streets (Genesis 6:5). The scripture says that the world was submerged in violence (Genesis 6:11).

Read Romans 1:17-32 and you will see what society was like then and is today. Violence and bloodshed in our day is becoming an accepted way of life. Without Jesus Christ, men will murder, steal or rape. Does this sound familiar? *“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of [Jesus] the Son of Man” - Matthew 24:37.*

5. Business as Usual — will indicate that mankind is Oblivious to the Coming Judgment. Matthew 24 and Luke 17 tell us that in the days of Noah, they just did the usual—they ate, they drank, they married and divorced and were completely oblivious to the impending judgment. Right up to the very moment that Noah walked into the ark and God shut the door, the people were ignorant. Jesus said, *“They knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away” - (Matthew 24:29).*

It was business as usual! Do you think the world today is alarmed about impending judgment? Not a bit. The world is riding a roller coaster of greed and pleasure and does not know that up ahead the track is broken. They will be screaming with delight as they round the last curve only to be hurled off