

The Book of Genesis

Genesis 6:5

5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

God had created man in His own image

Adam and Eve were holy and righteous and blameless in the beginning

But God had also created mankind with free will

And Adam and Eve exercised that freedom and disobeyed God

And every person born after that inherited a sin nature from Adam

So with that sin nature and that freedom all mankind grew exceedingly evil

Every thought of theirs was only evil all the time

6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

We experience some of this pain when our children make wrong choices

But that is nothing when compared to the pain of God when all of

Mankind rebelled against Him and chose evil rather than holiness

7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them."

God's response to this was to destroy all humanity along with

Every creature that breathed the air

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

We always need to watch for the "But" in Scripture

"But" Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

9 This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Here begins the account of Noah and his family

Noah was righteous and blameless and he walked with God

Genesis 5 - Enoch walked with God and did not have to experience death

24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.
Noah walked with God and he was saved from dying in the flood
These men were not perfect but they walked with God meaning
Their heart was right toward God

Genesis 9 – Noah walked with God but he sinned like all men do

20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard.

21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

The Bible clearly says that getting drunk is a sin

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This is the context for what Jesus said about the coming of the Lord

Matthew 24 – Jesus referred to the days of Noah

36 “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

The coming of the Lord will be sudden and unexpected
Even the Son of God and the angels did not know when it will be
In fact it will be as sudden as the flood of Noah’s time
But God gave the people around Noah 120 years to turn to God
And He sent Noah to preach to them for those 120 years

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

God will set a time and give plenty of warning but no one will turn to God

38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

Everyone will be going on with business as usual – ignoring God
And in Noah’s time “every inclination of the thoughts of their

heart was only evil all the time”

But then Noah entered the ark and they knew but it was too late

Genesis 7:15-16 - God shut him in

15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark.

16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

God in His mercy did not make Noah shut the people out of the ark

Actually God did not really cause the people to be shut out

They had 120 years to listen to God’s word and turn to God

They shut themselves out of the ark

I suspect that if God had offered them the choice to

enter the ark that they would have refused God’s offer

In fact I think that is the message that Noah preached for 120 years

Just like it is today when God offers salvation from hell if only

people would accept His free offer – they do not and they will not

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39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

The coming of the Lord will be just that sudden and just that

unexpected and just that evil

And just like only Noah’s family of 8 people were saved from the flood –

there will be only the saved ones who are saved from the Tribulation

1 Thessalonians 1

9 They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Here Paul is referring to the Rapture of all the saved ones

He says that Jesus will save us from the coming wrath of God – that will

Be when God pours out His wrath against sin in the Tribulation

Notice that Jesus will “rescue us from the coming wrath” and

not “rescue us out of the coming wrath”

If Paul meant “ out of ” then he would have said

to “get prepared for the wrath”

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40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

It will not be a matter of location – whether you will be taken or left

It will be a matter of the heart – “Do you have a relationship with Jesus ?”

John 17 – Jesus defined Eternal Life as a personal relationship with God

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

Jesus gives eternal life

But God gives every person to Jesus that He has chosen for Life

3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Here Jesus defines what eternal life is

Eternal life is “knowing God the Father and Jesus, the Christ of God”

It is a personal relationship with God

Matthew 24 – Jesus referred to the days of Noah

42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

I am sure that Noah preached that his listeners should get

prepared because they did not know when the flood would come

43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

The threat is real and so you must make preparations

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Be ready