

THE DAYS OF NOAH, THE DAYS OF LOT, THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN

Introduction

Intimacy with Christ will be a key emphasis by the Holy Spirit upon the End-Time Church. The Church is coming to the realization that Christian work apart from the great commandment is leaving many dissatisfied, discouraged and burned out. The Church is looking for something more than what she has encountered. We long to have and to experience what the early Church experienced, but we find ourselves in state of spiritual lack and spiritual immaturity.

Luke 17:22 "Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it."

- B. A key identity that is being restored is that of the Church walking in her Bridal Identity. Jesus is a Bridegroom God looking for a partner (Church) who will walk in complete unity for the cause of the kingdom of God coming to the earth.

Matthew 9:15 "And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Matthew 25:6-10 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."

- C. Jesus is addressing the End Time Church over her misguided belief that being busy for God is equivalent to loving God. One of the greatest enemies of the Church is busyness. The truth of the matter is those who truly love God will always outwork those who do work for God. Lovers outwork workers!

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Revelation 2:4-5 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."

II. A SPIRIT OF DECEPTION WILL BE OPERATING AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE CHURCH

Luke 17:23 "And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them."

The enemy works hard to keep the Church distracted from being occupied primarily with the person of Christ. As long as the Church is looking for God in this thing or that activity, we allow the enemy to steal from us the true knowledge of God.

1 Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons"

Matthew 21:12-13 "Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ⁴³ And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

III. THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME SUDDENLY

Luke 17:24 "For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day."

Matthew 24:42-44 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

IV. DAYS OF NOAH (VIOLENCE) AND DAYS OF LOT (IMMORALITY)

A. **Lawlessness will abound:** sin will reach its fullest expression (Mt. 24:12; Rev. 14:18).

Matthew 24:12 "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."

Daniel 8:23 "In the latter time...when the transgressors have reached their fullness"

Revelation 9:21 "They did not repent of their murders...sorceries...sexual immorality or thefts."

1. **Murder:** will be the primary sin on earth (Rev. 6:9-11; 7:13-14; 9:21; 13:7, 10; 16:6; 17:6)
2. **Sorceries:** occult and demon worship will fill the earth (Rev. 13:3-4, 8, 12-15; 14:11)
3. **Immorality:** demon-energized perversion (Rev. 9:20-21; 16:13; 17:2; 18:3; 19:2)

4. ***Theft***: legislation and persecution motivated by theft (i.e., the Nazi's anti-Semitism)
- B. ***The days of Noah: VIOLENCE*** (Mt. 24:37; Gen. 6:11-13; 2 Tim. 3); great violence will be seen in terrorist acts, race riots, wars in the streets, increasing murder rates worldwide.
- Gen. 6:12-13 " God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them"***
1. ***Abortion***: nearly 50 million abortions worldwide each year or 1/4 of all pregnancies (over 100,000 per day). Over 1.5 million babies are aborted per year (4,000 per day) in the US.
 2. ***Breakdown of the family***: the divorce rate is exploding worldwide (in the US it is 50%) and brother shall betray brother even to death (Mk 13:12).
- C. ***The days of Lot: IMMORALITY*** (Lk. 17:28-30; Gen. 19:1-28); immorality will greatly increase in the End-Times (Rev. 9:21; 14:8; 17:1-4; 18:2-4, 9-10; 19:2; 21:8). This is seen in many ways.

1. ***Human trafficking***: over 80% of the human trafficking victims are forced into the rapidly growing sex trade that generates over \$40 billion per year. Biblical prophecy declares that slavery would be a predominant sin in the End-Times (Rev. 18:13; Joel 3:3). There are currently 35 million slaves on the earth. It is growing nearly 5 million per year.
2. ***Pornography***: nearly \$100 billion is spent each year on pornography worldwide. There are nearly 5 million pornographic websites on the internet with over 500 million pages containing pornography. In every second of every day over 30,000 internet users view pornography. These numbers are rapidly increasing worldwide.
3. ***Homosexuality***: is sweeping across the world as nations are accepting homosexuality in clergy and marriage. Paul prophesied that marriage would be outlawed in some places.

1 Tim. 4:1-3 "The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits... forbidding to marry..."