

## AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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There are many signs around the world today that point to the fact that we are the generation of people that will witness the end of the age. This is a sobering prospect for all of us alive today because of the calamities that have been prophesied to befall us. However, the vast majority of us are ignorant of what will strike us with awesome force in the months ahead. Some believe that they will not be on Earth to witness these troubles, making a comparison to what God did with His servant Noah, when He asked him to build an ark - in which there was safety for him and his family.

It is actually staggering to realise that in Noah's generation, only his family was saved from the flood. There must have been millions of people alive at that period of time but only eight survived. They continued to live on Earth and repopulate the Earth. We are all descendants of his family.

There are teachings that say the Lord will take Christians from the Earth into heaven during an event known as the Rapture. However, there are no clear passages of Scripture supporting this belief yet many choose to believe these teachings.

It was God who determined the place of safety for Noah and his family, just as He has already chosen a place for the people of our generation. There is a big difference in the type of destruction of the world during the days of Noah and what is proposed to happen in our generation. When the waters came it took them away in a matter of days but we have to endure a seven year period of the day of the Lord.

We must be clear on one principal fact that governs how we study prophecy:

### **2 Peter 1:19-21 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup>*And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your heart;*  
<sup>20</sup>*knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,*  
<sup>21</sup>*for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

Prophecy can be defined in simple terms as: God revealing His awesome plan of salvation to us. In other words, prophecy is how God has chosen to communicate to us what He will do at an appointed time in the future to fulfill His plan of salvation through His servants, the prophets.

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With an understanding of the meaning of the word prophecy, it is therefore clear that each prophecy must line up with other prophecies and with God's plan. When we understand prophecy and can clearly see the events and timing of what the Lord our God has said He will do, we become aware of the fact that the majority of what is commonly taught throughout the world is merely man's interpretation of the truth. These interpretations, which many take as the truth, do not line up with what God has said.

In the Book of Genesis, God explains what it was like in Noah's days:

### **Genesis 6:1-3** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."*

In the days of Noah the angels in heaven saw that the daughters of men were very beautiful. So they came and took for themselves wives of their choice. The ladies had no recourse in this situation. The Lord was not happy about this and the first thing He did was to drastically reduce the length of life on Earth to one hundred and twenty years.

This passage of Scripture is confirmed in the book of Jude when He was inspired to write about the plight of the fallen angels:

### **Jude 6** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

These angels, who violated the command to keep their own estate and came down to the Earth, have been imprisoned in everlasting chains in darkness until the day of judgement. The offspring of the combination of the seed of these angels and the seed of women were giants.

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### **Genesis 6:4** New King James Version (NKJV)

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

These were renowned and powerful men. As it is stated in the Holy Scriptures, these giants reappeared even after the floods as the populations of the world began to increase again. We must be conscious of the fact that someone who has deliberately chosen to disobey a command - like leaving his own realm to inhabit the Earth - can never become righteous in any way. Hence, the world in those days was full of violence.

### **Genesis 6:5-8** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>5</sup>Then the LORD 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. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD 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." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

God said that the intention of man's heart was only evil. God sees everything we do and knows us all by name. God also knows the intention of our hearts and nothing is hidden from Him.

### **Psalms 139:1-6** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. <sup>3</sup>You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

And the Lord could tell the thoughts of those around Him:

### **Matthew 9:2-7** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>2</sup>Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."*

*<sup>3</sup>And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"*

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<sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house.

God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knew these people will never change. Most importantly the gene pool of man had been corrupted by these fallen angels and therefore the path to salvation was threatened. God had deemed Noah to be righteous and was merciful to him. There was no other choice than to destroy those who would not repent and start again with Noah.

### **2 Peter 2:4-5 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; <sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

In his days Noah was a preacher of righteousness. It is obvious he did not begin preaching on the day he started building the ark. God had told him of his plan to destroy the Earth by rain. It had never rained during that period of time. Noah must have been scorned at and mocked, just like many would do today. They all saw what he was doing but did not listen to what he was actually saying. They might have heard him but decided not to act on his words.

### **Genesis 6:17-18 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.

At the appointed time, the Lord commanded Noah into the ark with his sons and their wives and a selection of every living being on Earth to preserve life.

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### **Genesis 7:1-6** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; <sup>3</sup>also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." <sup>5</sup>And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. <sup>6</sup>Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.*

The command was to take two of each animal, a male and a female. It is of paramount importance for us to notice that the Lord commanded Noah to take a male and a female, not male and male or female and female. We will touch on this later in this study.

### **Genesis 7:15-16** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>15</sup>And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.*

It was the Lord who shut the door of the ark. During the seven days preceding this - no other person entered the ark. It wasn't just the rain that came on that day for the first time but also water that was coming out of the surface of the Earth. The Earth must have been filling up too quickly for anyone to be able to save themselves, including the renowned mighty men.

### **Genesis 7:11-12** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. <sup>12</sup>And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

In the run up to this Earth-changing event, it was life as usual for those alive then. They were eating and drinking, partying, doing what they did daily. They did not heed the words of the only wise man of their generation.

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**Matthew 24:37-39** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> 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, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

The Lord has compared our days to that of the days of Noah, but why? There are many similarities between our generation and that of the days of Noah. Let's discuss some of the similarities.

### THE CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE

During the days of Noah, we have been told that man was wicked and full of evil. Noah was an exception. Similarly, today there are exceptions in our generation of people but the majority of people alive today are also wicked and evil. It is this way because of what we are exposed to and what we are exposing our children to. Consider the movies and games we play. They are surely not about picking fruits in the garden but about the most complex violence that has ever been conceived. When these things are at the forefront of the mind - that is the first thing that pops up when we are in a crisis situation. Many will not agree and call it entertainment. Consider this passage of Scripture which points to the origin of such a characteristic in man:

**Romans 1:18-23** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

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Would you not agree that this is true with not just this generation but also those before us? Because of their darkened hearts God left them to fulfil their lusts.

### **Romans 1:24-27** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonour their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

*<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.*

From this passage of Scripture we see why the ark was filled with pairs of passengers that consisted of one male and one female. Is it possible for two men or two women to bear a child naturally? God deems such acts between same sex individuals to be vile passions; their hearts have been darkened. Why is it that people today think it is right to be in same sex relationships?

As a result of not retaining God in their lives, their minds have become debased and without understanding. These people are honoured in their generations because the righteousness of God has been suppressed.

### **Romans 1:28-32** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

Would you have thought that someone who is disobedient to their parents is classified in the same category as murderers? Here is a prophecy that was written more than one

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thousand five hundred years ago about the generation of the end of the age, those alive today:

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

Will these people ever repent? Has not God every right to destroy these people just as He did with those of Noah's generation? The call to repent has been there since, and even before the Lord Jesus Christ walked the Earth. Yet this call has not been heeded and the characteristics of the people alive today are actually changing for the worse.

## THERE ARE HYBRIDS ON THE EARTH

In the days of Noah, there were giants on the Earth, a cross between the seed of a woman and the seed of an angel. Today these hybrids have been perfected to look like men, so that they do not look out of place. We cannot mention something so important without proving it is so in the Holy Scriptures. Here is proof: in the book of Daniel we are given a prophecy of events that will occur at the end of the age. There is mention of this mysterious mix of iron and ceramic clay:

### **Daniel 2:40-45** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>40</sup>And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. <sup>41</sup>Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. <sup>42</sup>And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. <sup>43</sup>As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. <sup>44</sup>And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will*

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*set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. <sup>45</sup> Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”*

There is so much to be gleaned from this passage of Scripture, which you can do later, but for the subject of this study we are going to narrow it down to these points. The first is the fact that in the days of the fourth kingdom, the Lord will return and set up His kingdom which will last forever. We are told this dream is certain and the interpretation of it is sure.

The second point refers to this mix of iron and ceramic clay. We know that God made man from dust. In this analogy God is the Potter and we are the clay. If God is the Potter and man is the Clay, the only ones left out are the angels; they are the Iron element in this dream. The gods of the current age are Satan and his fallen angels. This implies that there is someone alive today amongst us, who is ready to step in at the appointed time. This person is a hybrid: iron mixed with ceramic clay, the seed of the serpent in Genesis chapter three.

### **Genesis 3:15** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*

There must be more than just one or two, as they are currently mingling with the seed of men. The passage also indicates that there is always friction between the two. Two of these hybrids who are alive today are commonly known as the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

### **Revelation 13:1-4** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>1</sup>Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup>Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup>And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>So they worshiped*

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*the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"*

Someone must have realised who this person (the Antichrist) is and must have thought that they had killed him. However, he did not die. The dragon, who is Satan the devil, gave him his power to rule the whole world. The False Prophet also appeared during that period of time performing mighty miracles:

### **Revelation 13:11-14 New King James Version (NKJV)**

*<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.*

Many will see the signs of this prophet and will believe this to be true. All this will come after the Lord has sent His messenger with instructions for a safe place for His people at the end of the age. But as they did in the days of Noah, many will not follow these instructions.

## THE MESSENGER FROM THE LORD

The Lord made us a promise which He must keep, that He will send us a prophet in the Spirit of Elijah before the end of the age. That prophet is alive today and is preparing to take his office.

### **Malachi 4:4-6 New King James Version (NKJV)**

*<sup>4</sup> "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*

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This prophet will come and reinstate the laws and commandments God gave to Moses for the children of Israel. The majority will mock him because they believe that the laws and commandments of God were nailed to the cross due to their lack of understanding of the Holy Scripture. They will not believe this prophet has been sent by the Lord. When John the Baptist appeared in Judea - they all knew he was sent by God and that the Lord will suddenly appear to complete His duties. There will be no difference in what happened this time round. Please consider:

### **Malachi 3:1-3** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderers’ soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.*

As Noah preached for a hundred years about a coming destruction while he was building the ark, so too will this prophet preach of the calamities that will soon overtake the Earth. However, this prophet will not be preaching for a hundred years. The Lord Jesus Christ will suddenly appear - according to this passage of Scripture. The Lord will come to judge His people:

### **Malachi 3:4-6** New King James Version (NKJV)

*<sup>4</sup>“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. <sup>5</sup> And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>“For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.*

In His first coming - the Lord Jesus Christ opened the path to the tree of life and gave us the acceptable year of the Lord, but this time He is coming for the vengeance of our God. Who will be able to withstand this vengeance?

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We have been given all the information we require to escape the total devastations that have been proposed to strike the Earth, just as it was in the days of Noah, but many will still not heed these words. In the days of Noah, many must have said that they believed in God and that God will not do such a thing. But the flood came and washed them all away.