

A large wooden ark is under construction on a sandy beach at sunset. The ark is made of dark wood and has a complex structure with many beams and supports. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, and the water is calm. In the foreground, there are stacks of logs and wooden planks. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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With all the “things” or “signs” that parallel the Days of Noah up until the time of the Flood and what is happening today at the Time of the End, why don’t more people believe? Why don’t more Christians believe that the time in which we are living filled with numerous signs that the Bible foretold that Jesus could return at any moment?

I want to take you back to the Days of Noah prior to the Flood and talk about Methuselah. Methuselah is very important in understanding what is taking place today in so many different aspects of the Time of the End.

Genesis 5:21-24 KJV

*21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:*

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

There are two men preaching at that time, up until the Flood and that was Noah and Methuselah. Noah had three boys, Shem, Ham and Japheth, helping them (Noah and Methuselah) to build the Ark along with their wives...this was a monumental task.

Remember, Methuselah was Noah's grandfather...

Genesis 5:26-29 KJV

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.

Here's a question for you... Noah is building this massive Ark because he is telling people a judgment by water is coming. The people of the earth know that Adam said that judgment by water would be coming. At the funeral of Adam you have Enoch and his son Methuselah, whose name means when he dies judgment is coming...so, why didn't they get any converts at the time of the flood other than their immediate family?

Why More People Weren't On The Ark

1. It was a new message from an old Word

When you go back in the book of Genesis you will find that there were four rivers flowing out of Eden which went into four parts. The earth was watered by a mist coming up out of the ground.

Genesis 2:5-6 KJV

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Genesis 2:10 KJV

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

According to the Bible, this mist coming up out of the ground is how the fruit, trees, vegetation etc. were watered and not by rain falling from the sky as we know it. In the beginning, supernaturally, God was watering everything from the mist of the earth.

This message or preaching by Noah and Methuselah was something no one had ever heard. They are preaching rain or water will be coming down from the sky when up until that time it had been coming from the earth. This was something new...

The Bible says that in the Last Days when you start preaching that Jesus is coming you are going to get the same reaction that they did in the Days of Noah.

2 Peter 3:3-4 KJV

3 *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

4 *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

2 Peter 3:3-4 AMPC

3 *To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires*

4 *And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.*

2 Peter 3:3-4 GNT

3 *First of all, you must understand that in the last days some people will appear whose lives are controlled by their own lusts.*

They will make fun of you

4 *and will ask, "He promised to come, didn't he? Where is he? Our ancestors have already died, but everything is still the same as it was since the creation of the world!"*

Mock or Mockers defined:

1. to attack or treat with ridicule, contempt, or derision.
2. to ridicule by mimicry of action or speech; mimic derisively.
3. to mimic, imitate, or counterfeit.
4. to challenge; defy:
5. to deceive, delude, or disappoint.

What is this passage talking about?

You say that there is going to be a Rapture and the response is: I don't believe in a Rapture...

You say that there will be people who will disappear suddenly and the response is: I don't believe that is going to happen...

You say that there is going to be a great resurrection and the response is: I don't believe it...

The reason why more people don't get saved is because of unbelief. The reason they didn't believe that the Flood was coming is because it was something they had never experienced and something they had never seen. They just simply did not believe judgment by water was going to happen.

Why More People Weren't On The Ark

2. It was a new method of deliverance - an Ark

Why More People Weren't On The Ark

3. Methuselah was a sign but they didn't pay attention

When studying the life of Enoch through Jewish history books and the Bible, we know that Enoch was a believing man, a righteous man. At the age of 65, Enoch went up into Heaven and God is about to reveal to Him the history of what was about to happen.

This revelation or prophetic foretelling of what was to come was judgment by water or “The Flood”. The Bible says that Enoch walked with God after the birth of Methuselah...

Genesis 5:22 AMPC

22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years & had other sons and daughters.

So what was he like before the birth of Methuselah? Because something happened at age 65 and he changed...from the study of the Bible and Jewish history the change that took place in Enoch was that God revealed to him that there was judgment coming by a Flood.

As a result of this prophetic vision, Enoch names his son Methuselah. The first part of that name Met (*mut*), means death or to die. The second part of that name is taken from *shellah* which means to send forth or to bring forth. For a meaning of the name Methuselah, Jones' Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names translates the whole name: When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent or His Death Brings.

At age 65, Enoch names his son Methuselah which means: **“At His Death, He Brings It Forth”**, as a sign to all that were going to be living that something was going to happen when Methuselah died.

Let's go back to the time of Noah and Methuselah and put this all together regarding the signs or warnings of the Flood...

Warn or Warning Defined:

to tell (a person) of a danger, coming evil, misfortune, etc.;

Signs or Warnings of Judgment by Flood

Men Had An Oral Warning

Passed Down By Word Of Mouth

Men Had A Written Warning

Written On Brick And Stone

Men Had A Visible Warning

The Death Of Methuselah

Below, is where we are at today regarding the return of Jesus Christ paralleling the Days of Noah...

Signs or Warnings of Judgment by Fire

We Have An Oral Warning

Pastors Preaching About His Coming

We Have A Written Warning

Prophetic Scriptures In The Bible

We Have A Visible Warning

We Can See Prophecies Being Fulfilled

Let's go back to the time of the Flood because I want to show you something that is very interesting. Everything was ready in the Ark, Noah and his family were ready, all the animals were on board, the construction was finished, every "thing" or signs that were given about the Flood had been fulfilled while Methuselah was still living. Then, Methuselah dies and this is what happens next...

Genesis 7:4, 10 KJV

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

Genesis 7:4, 10 AMPC

4 For in seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living substance and thing that I have made I will destroy, blot out, and wipe away from the face of the earth.

10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came upon the earth or land.

Genesis 7:4, 10 GNT

4 Seven days from now I am going to send rain that will fall for forty days and nights, in order to destroy all the living beings that I have made."

10 Seven days later the flood came.

When you go back and study Judaism, seven days is the normal period of time for mourning when someone dies. On just a few occasions God's people mourned for more than seven days.

Moses was mourned for 30 days...

Deuteronomy 34:1-11 AMPC

1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land—from Gilead to Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the western [Mediterranean] sea,

3 And the South (the Negeb) and the plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palm Trees, as far as Zoar.

4 And the Lord said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants. I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.

5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord,

6 And He buried him in the valley of the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day.

7 Moses was 120 years old when he died; his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.

8 And the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the Israelites listened to him and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

10 *And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,*
11 *[None equal to him] in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land*

Jacob (Joseph's father) was mourned for 70 days by all those in Egypt...

Genesis 49:1-33 AMPC

1 And Jacob called for his sons and said, Gather yourselves together [around me], that I may tell you what shall befall you in the latter or last days.

2 *Gather yourselves together and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father.*

3 *Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the beginning (the firstfruits) of my manly strength and vigor; [your birthright gave you] the preeminence in dignity and the preeminence in power.*

4 *But unstable and boiling over like water, you shall not excel and have the preeminence [of the firstborn], because you went to your father's bed; you defiled it—he went to my couch!*

5 *Simeon and Levi are brothers [equally headstrong, deceitful, vindictive, and cruel]; their swords are weapons of violence.*

6 *O my soul, come not into their secret council; unto their assembly let not my honor be united [for I knew nothing of their plot], because in their anger they slew men [an honored man, Shechem, and the Shechemites], and in their self-will they disabled oxen.*

7 *Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce, and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.*

8 Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down to you.

9 Judah, a lion's cub! With the prey, my son, you have gone high up [the mountain]. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and like a lioness—who dares provoke and rouse him?

10 The scepter or leadership shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes to Whom it belongs, and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

11 Binding His foal to the vine and His donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washes His garments in wine and His clothes in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes are darker and more sparkling than wine, and His teeth whiter than milk.

13 Zebulun shall live toward the seashore, and he shall be a haven and a landing place for ships; and his border shall be toward Sidon.

14 Issachar is a strong-boned donkey crouching down between the sheepfolds.

15 And he saw that rest was good and that the land was pleasant; and he bowed his shoulder to bear [his burdens] and became a servant to tribute [subjected to forced labor].

16 Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a horned snake in the path, that bites at the horse's heels, so that his rider falls backward.

18 I wait for Your salvation, O Lord.

19 Gad—a raiding troop shall raid him, but he shall raid at their heels and assault them [victoriously].

20 Asher's food [supply] shall be rich and fat, and he shall yield and deliver royal delights.

21 Naphtali is a hind let loose which yields lovely fawns.

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well (spring or fountain), whose branches run over the wall.

23 Skilled archers have bitterly attacked and sorely worried him; they have shot at him and persecuted him.

24 But his bow remained strong and steady and rested in the Strength that does not fail him, for the arms of his hands were made strong and active by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob, by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,

25 By the God of your father, Who will help you, and by the Almighty, Who will bless you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings lying in the deep beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 The blessings of your father [on you] are greater than the blessings of my forefathers [Abraham and Isaac on me] and are as lasting as the bounties of the eternal hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was the consecrated one and the one separated from his brethren and [the one who] is prince among them.

27 Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at night dividing the spoil.

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each one according to the blessing suited to him.

29 He charged them and said to them, I am to be gathered to my [departed] people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 In the cave in the field at Machpelah, east of Mamre in the land of Canaan, that Abraham bought, along with the field of Ephron the Hittite, to possess as a cemetery.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the field and the cave that is in it was from the sons of Heth.

33 When Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his [departed] people.

Genesis 50:1-13 AMPC

1 Then Joseph fell upon his father's face and wept over him and kissed him.

2 And Joseph ordered his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 Then forty days were devoted [to this purpose] for him, for that is the customary number of days required for those who are embalmed. **And the Egyptians wept and bemoaned him [as they would for royalty] for seventy days.**

4 And when the days of his weeping and deep grief were past, Joseph said to [the nobles of] the house of Pharaoh, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, to Pharaoh [for Joseph was dressed in mourning and could not do so himself], saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, I am about to die; in my tomb which I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me. So now let me go up, I pray you, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 *And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.*

7 *And Joseph went up [to Canaan] to bury his father; and with him went all the officials of Pharaoh—the nobles of his court, and the elders of his house and all the nobles and elders of the land of Egypt—*

8 *And all the household of Joseph and his brethren and his father's household. Only their little ones and their flocks and herds they left in the land of Goshen.*

9 *And there went with [Joseph] both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.*

But here, we see the shift between the culture of the day and Hebrew culture...seven day mourning.

10 *And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond [west of] the Jordan, and there they mourned with a great lamentation and extreme demonstrations of sorrow [according to Egyptian custom]; and [Joseph] made a mourning for his father seven days.*

11 *When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians. Therefore the place was called Abel-mizraim [mourning of Egypt]; it is west of the Jordan.*

12 *Thus [Jacob's] sons did for him as he had commanded them.*

13 *For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, east of Mamre, which Abraham bought, along with the field, for a possession as a burying place from Ephron the Hittite.*

Once again, in Judaism, seven days is the normal time of mourning and this is what is happening in Genesis 7:4. Methuselah died and then God said to Noah, every “thing” is ready, but bury your grandfather and mourn for him seven days.

So, why is this so interesting Pastor Grant? Because everyone living in that day knows that Methuselah’s name means, “**When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent**” or “**At His Death, He Brings It Forth**”. But, when he dies, the flood doesn’t come that day or the next day and you can see why the mockers, scoffers, doubters, started laughing saying, “yeah right, we’ve been told for the last 10 generations (since Adam) that when Methuselah dies judgment by water was coming and nothing is happening.”

I believe what happened is when Methuselah died, which was a sign prior to the flood but the flood didn’t happen immediately after his death, it lulled everyone to sleep.

Lull or Lulled defined:

1. to put to sleep or rest by soothing means:
2. to soothe or quiet.
3. to give or lead to feel a false sense of safety; cause to be less alert, aware, or watchful.
verb (used without object)
4. a temporary calm, quiet, or stillness: (before the storm)
6. a soothing sound:
7. a pacified or **stupefied** condition:

Note: ***Stupefied means:*** to make (someone) unable to think or feel properly.

The ones who did not believe thought, “Noah spent 100 years of his life along with his children, wife, and with Methuselah building an Ark and nothing happened - what a dummy.” But God gave Noah seven days to mourn and after that, then the Flood waters came.

Genesis 7:4, 10 KJV

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

They didn't believe, they were lulled to sleep.... “*And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*” (Matt 24:39)

Matthew 24:33-46 AMPC

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

34 Truly I tell you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at the same time, in a definite, given period) will not pass away till all these things taken together take place.

35 Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.

43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be undermined and broken into.

44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

45 Who then is the faithful, thoughtful, and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household to give to the others the food and supplies at the proper time?

46 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is that servant whom, when his master comes, he will find so doing.

We have to pay very close attention to what is happening and not be lulled to sleep as well. The “signs” or “things” prophesied in God’s Word are being fulfilled and people in the world and in the Church are still mocking, scoffing and deceiving others into thinking these are not the signs/season - live as you always have.

This mocking or scoffing in the Church is deceiving many to believe because it is being taught that “you got time to get right with God”. This is what John the Baptist said...

Matthew 3:2 AMPC

2 And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

This is what Jesus said...

Matthew 4:17 AMPC

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Just like Methuselah was a sign, God has given us numerous signs: Israel becoming a nation, Jerusalem being the capital, the Jews returning, the gospel being preached everywhere, one world apostate christian religion and the one world Islamic sharia law government being set up, one world economy, a chip or mark to do transactions in this new 8th Empire of biblical prophecy... the signs are numerous to the coming of Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:28 AMPC

*28 Now when these **things** begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.*

Jesus is prophetically speaking of Judas's betrayal in verse 19...

John 13:19 AMPC

19 I tell you this now before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may be persuaded and believe that I am He [Who I say I am—the Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah].

Jesus, the Word who became flesh is telling you and I “things” that will happen in the future just like the betrayal of Judas so when they happen we will believe He is the Messiah. So that we may believe what He says will come true when we see these End Time “things” taking place. Don't be lulled to sleep, but believe in Word and Deed - Faith without Works leads to Death !

James 2:26 KJV

26...so faith without works is dead also.

