

STRIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part #2)

(Matt.24:37-39) **“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and **they did not understand until the flood** came and took them all away, **so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”**

The mention of DAYS connected with a biblical character describes the importance of time and events in the Plan of God.

THREE EXAMPLES:

- In our [previous lesson](#), The Days of the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) are compared with the Days of Noah in (Matt.24:37-39)
- We recently studied the Life of Elijah. Luke mentioned the Days of Elijah in (Luke 4:25-26).
- In this lesson we will study five aspects of how the **Days of Noah** was important to the Antediluvian Civilization and the Gentile Age in the Plan of God.

1. Jesus described the Days of Noah as being the last 120 years prior to the Divine Judgment of the Flood upon the Antediluvian Civilization (Gen.6-9) (Matt.24:37-39).

When you study the life of Noah, God mentions several different “days” of Noah:

- In Gen.5:32, at the age of 500 Noah had three sons.
- **In Gen.6:3, 120 years of Noah’s life God would send the Flood (read).**
- In Gen.9:28, Noah will live 350 years after the Flood.
- In Gen.9:20, Noah will die at the age of 950.

2. It is interesting to me that Noah didn’t begin his family until he was 500.

Usually, the people in the genealogy of Christ, in this Antediluvian Civilization, had children in their 100’s – having a life span of 900 yrs. (Gen.5)

It is also interesting that Noah began his family after learning of the coming judgment upon the Antediluvian Civilization.

Where did Noah get the confidence to raise a family amidst such an evil culture? (Gen.6:13-22) (Matt.24:37-39) (1 Cor.7:25-31).

(Gen.6:22) “Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.” (Heb.11:6; Rom.4:21)

3. The Days of Noah were filled with maximum evil upon this Antediluvian Civilization (Gen.6: 1-8).

(2 Pet.2:5) “And did not spare the ancient world, **but preserved Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, **with seven others**, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

This was a Satanic attack upon the genealogy of the messianic seed (Gen.5: Luke 3:36-38); Gal.3:16).

(Jude 6) “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.” (Rev.20:10; Matt.25:41)

4. The Days of Noah were a time of God’s “long suffering” towards this unbelieving world, with the desire that NONE would perish (120 years).

(2 Pet.3:9) “**The Lord is not slow about His promise**, as some count lowness, but is patient towards YOU, not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” **It is a choice!** (1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.1:16; Eph2:8-9)

(1 Pet.3:19-20) “in which also He (Jesus’ burial) went and made proclamation to the spirits (Gen.6) now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God waiting in the Days of Noah, during the construction of the ark (120 years), in which few, that is **eight persons**, were brought safely through the water.”

5. The Days of Noah were a time of great rejection of God’s Grace.

At God-consciousness and gospel hearing having seen and heard the faithfulness of Noah’s preaching of God’s righteousness in Christ, they still rejected it! (Gen.6:3; 1 Pet.3:19-20).

There was only ONE SOURCE of deliverance from the Flood.

It involved two steps:

- First believe the gospel of Christ
- Second receive a free pass to board the Ark (John 3:16; 1 John5:11-13).

The Price was paid for by God’s grace (Eph.2:8-9) and understanding that **The Ark will not make a return trip.**

- There was only ONE way out from eternal divine judgment - God’s grace deliverance. **There would not be another Ark to take.**
- Only eight people took the trip on God’s Ark out of the Flood (Gen.7:23; 1 Pet.3:19-20; 2 Pet.2:5).
- **The Ark will leave the Antediluvian Civilization on God’s schedule and the passengers must be ready at a moment’s notice.**

The Days of Noah are important to Church Age believers because they are compared with the Days of the Son of man (Matt.24:37-39).

We must take the gospel of grace salvation seriously because it is the only way out of this world safely to Heaven (2 Cor.5:6-8).

(2 Cor.6:2) “For He says, ‘**At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you**’. Behold, now is ‘the acceptable time’, behold, now is, ‘the day of salvation.’” (Isa,49:8)