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Throughout the ages since Jesus walked on the earth there have been many that have wondered what the signs of the end times are. Matthew 24 goes into a lot of detail and gives a warning in Matthew 24:4 that ways, "and Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceive you.'"

Deception is a sign that we are nearing Jesus' return. Another sign is what Jesus said in Matthew 24:37 which says, "37 But as the days of Noe [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

When we go to the book of beginnings, Genesis, we learn more about Noah and the conditions of the world. Remember, there were only eight righteous people that entered the ark. Genesis 6:5 says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

I do not know how many people were alive when the flood came, but I do know only eight escaped the flood in the ark. Everyone else was living life as if it would never end, thinking up evil schemes, and full of wickedness. I see that same kind of wickedness in our country and in the world today. We call good evil, and evil good.

Are we living in the days of Noah? Yes, we are, and it will continually get worse before the return of the Lord. God was grieved in his heart with his creation, (Genesis 6:6) and he is grieved with this generation as well. Sin grieves God's heart. Yet, there is a remnant, just as there was with Noah and his family, who are sold out to God. They will make a stand no matter what it costs them.

The days are coming when family, friends, and others will betray us. Are you ready for that? Do not be deceived into thinking it will not happen. In spite of it we must focus on God and his plan and not the way of the world. Then we will have peace even in the midst of the chaos that will come.