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SHUT IN WITH GOD

As I was meditating on scriptures about end time events, the Holy Spirit took me to the book of beginnings – Genesis. Most all the world knows the story of Noah, and how he built an ark and took animals with him into the ark.

In Genesis chapter 6 it tells us in verse 9, ***“...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”*** It continues in chapter 9 to tell us that God looked upon the earth, and it was corrupt. ALL flesh was corrupt except for Noah and his family which included his three sons, their wives, and Noah’s wife. Only 8 people! God gives Noah instructions on building the ark, and what to take into the ark. He tells him in verse 17 that he will bring a flood of water to destroy all flesh, but that He will make a covenant with Noah.

Chapter 7 verse 1 tells us, ***“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come, thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.”*** This is the second affirmation to Noah of the life he had lived and was living, that he was “perfect” and “righteous.”

In verse 4 of chapter 7 it says, ***“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.”*** Verse 10 tells us that ***AFTER*** 7 days the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In verse 16, it speaks in retrospect, saying ***“And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.”*** You will notice that God shut the door of the ark. Noah did not shut it. He was shut in with God for seven days before the flood came. This indicates to me, since Jesus said it would be as in the days of Noah when he returns, that there will be a seven day period (or as mentioned in Daniel’s 70-th week) that like in the days of Noah, we are shut in with God. Notice also, that the ark did not leave the earth. It wasn’t transported to heaven. It was there right where it was built for seven days then the flood came which lasted 40 days and nights.

I sense God is telling us that we need to be shut in with him in these days because what is coming is going to be worse than we can imagine. We must be in a place where nothing on the outside bothers us so we can hear from God. Remember, we are ***in*** the world, but we are not to be ***of*** the world.

Things prophetically are happening so quickly with the plagues, and the shutdown of the entire world, and a one-world government forming to take the Christian’s rights away. Don’t put off spending time alone with God and seeking His face. Remember being in the ark did not cause them to escape the flood – they were just protected from it in the safety of the ark. They rode above the consequences of total annihilation, but God saved Noah and his family, and He will save a remnant too. Jesus is our ark, and He will keep us safe too if we are shut in with Him.