

Noah's Flood and the Rapture

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JESUS said that when He comes to gather His followers, it will be “like the days of Noah” (Matt. 24:37).

Here are 12 ways that Noah's Flood foreshadows the Rapture:

1. DATE CONNOTATION

Noah's Flood began on the 17th day of the 8th month, Cheshvan (Gen. 7:11; Ex. 12:1).

The numbers 17 and 8 are associated with resurrection: Jesus, the “firstborn from the dead,” was raised on the 17th day, which was also an 8th day, the day after the Sabbath (Col. 1:18; Matt. 28).

2. AGE OF MAN

Noah was 600 years old when the Flood began (Gen. 7:6).

Humanity will be 6,000 years old when Judgment Day begins (2 Pet. 3:3–8; Barnabas 15:7–9).

3. BIRTH PARALLEL

The Flood began when earth's “water broke,” via the bursting of the underground springs (Gen. 7:11).

At the Rapture, the earth will “give birth” to the dead (Isa. 26:19–21).

4. BUSINESS AS USUAL

When the Flood began, people were involved in regular activities (Matt. 24:38).

When the Rapture happens, people will be involved in regular activities (v. 39).

5. THE RIGHTEOUS ESCAPE

At the Flood, the righteous escaped judgment by being caught up in the Ark (Gen. 7:7).

At the Rapture, the righteous will escape judgment by being caught up to heaven (Luke 21:36).

6. MANY ROOMS

Noah's Ark contained many rooms (Gen. 6:14).

Heaven, the destination of the raptured saints, contains many rooms (John 14:2).

7. THIRD LEVEL

Noah's Ark had three interior levels (Gen. 6:16). The third (top) level is where Noah and his family resided (Gen. 8:6).

The third level of heaven is where believers are "caught up" to (2 Cor. 12:2).

8. THE DOOR IS SHUT

After Noah and his family boarded the Ark, the door was shut (Gen. 7:13–16).

In the Parable of the Virgins, after the "wise" enter the wedding, the door is shut (Matt. 25:10).

9. LET US IN

When the Flood rains began, the people outside the Ark cried out to be let in. But they were not let in (Jasher 6: 18, 21, 24).

In the Parable of the Virgins, the "foolish" who are locked out of the wedding cry out to be let in. But they are not let in (Matt. 25:10–12).

10. ALL FLESH DESTROYED

Noah's Flood destroyed nearly all flesh (Gen. 7:21).

If the Tribulation were not cut short, no flesh would survive (Matt. 24:22).

11. THE RIGHTEOUS RETURN

After the Flood, Noah and His family descended back to earth (Gen. 8:4).

After the Tribulation, the raptured saints will descend back to earth (Rev. 19:11–16).

12. ONE DOOR

Noah's Ark had only one door through which to enter (Gen. 6:16).

There is only one "door" by which one can enter heaven at the Rapture, the person of Jesus Christ (John 10:9).

Lastly, with the Flood–Rapture parallels in view, it is interesting to consider a correlation in the stars.

REDEMPTION CONSTELLATION

Scripture teaches that the Sun's path through the stars "reveals knowledge" (Ps.19:1–8). With this in mind, it is significant that during Cheshvan, the Sun passes through the constellation Libra, the Scales that signify the price of redemption.

The price of redemption was paid by Jesus, who assumed our debt and paid it with His life (Col. 1:14). When we acknowledge His atoning purchase, we are sealed for bodily redemption at the Rapture:

"When you believed, you were marked ...with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption" (Eph. 1:14).

"We ... who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we await eagerly ... the redemption of our bodies" (Rom. 8:23).

"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your [bodily] redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Since the Sun is God's heavenly pointer, and Libra signifies the price of redemption, it is conceivable that the consummation of the redemption—the Rapture—could occur while the Sun is in Libra.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Jesus said that when He comes to gather His own, it will be like the days of Noah.

The Flood and Rapture are similarly:

- Evoked by the numbers 17, 8, and 6.
- A type of birth.
- A surprise event for nonbelievers.
- An escape via a single door, to a place with many rooms.
- A shutting of the door.
- Followed by a descent back to earth.

Bolstering the Rapture connection, the Sun is in Libra, the redemption constellation, during the Flood month, Cheshvan.

Despite the above correlations, we understand that “no one knows the day, not even the angels” (Matt. 24:36). While the Lord could appear on a date that seems fitting to us, there are verses that suggest He may not (vv. 42–44; 1 Thess 5:1, 2).

So be ready always!

NOTES:

1. In Noah’s day, the eighth month (Cheshvan) was called the second month (Gen. 7:11). Later, when God reordered the months (Ex. 12:1), the second month became the eighth.

2. Other coincidences related to 17:

- 17 is the seventh prime number after 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, making it a number of perfection or completion.
- 17 is a factor of 153, the number of fish who were “caught up” and brought to the Lord (John 21).

- 17 is the number of shekels that Jeremiah paid for a field, because the Jubilee, or year of redemption, was near (Jer. 32:10).
<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/jeremiah/32-9.htm>
<https://thebiblesays.com/en/commentary/jer+32:10>

3. Libra signifies redemption:

<https://www.bereaninsights.org/nugget/the-message-in-the-stars-libra/>

See also Bullinger, 'The Witness of the Stars,' and Seiss, 'The Gospel in the Stars.'

4. Bolstering the Flood connection, Libra contains the oldest known star in the Universe (HD 140283), known as "Methuselah," the name of Noah's grandfather who died shortly before the Flood.

<https://www.space.com/how-can-a-star-be-older-than-the-universe.html>

5. The Sun appears annually in Libra between November 1–23, corresponding to the better part of Cheshvan in 2024.

6. Significantly, a decan, or subdivision, of Libra is Corona Borealis, the Crown constellation that depicts the crown worn by King Jesus, and the crowns awarded to believers at His coming (Rev. 3:11; 4:4; 14:14). The Crown constellation is home to the much publicized "Blaze Star," T Coronae Borealis, which is expected to go "nova" at any moment—a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence that will give the appearance of a bright new star in the heavenly crown.

7. Summary of celestial alignments on Cheshvan 17 (November 19), 2024:

- The Sun, a symbol of the Lord, is in Libra, the redemption sign.
- Venus, the "Morning Star" that symbolizes Jesus, is in the head of Sagittarius, the triumphant conqueror, going forth.
- Jupiter, the "King Planet" that symbolizes Jesus, is in the horns of Taurus, a picture of the coming Judge and Ruler.
- Asteroid (4220) "Flood" is near the horns of Taurus.
- The Moon, a symbol of the Church—Bride, is in Gemini, the wedding sign.