

Noah's Flood and the Coming Wrath of God

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SCRIPTURE says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:37).

With the anniversary of Noah's Flood fast approaching, it's time to consider 10 parallels between the days of Noah and the future Day of Judgment.

1. CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

When the Flood began, people were going about their regular business (Matt. 24:39).

When the Day of the Lord arrives, people will be going about their regular business (1 Thess. 5:1-4).

2. THE RIGHTEOUS ESCAPE

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

At the Rapture, the righteous will escape judgment by being caught up to heaven (Luke 21:36; Rev. 7:9).

3. THE DOOR IS SHUT

After Noah and his family boarded the Ark, God shut the door behind them (Gen. 7:13, 14, 16).

In the Parable of the Virgins, after the wise virgins enter into the wedding, the Lord shuts the door (Matt. 25:10).

4. LOCKED OUT

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, those locked out of the wedding cry out to be let in, but they are not let in (Matt. 25:10-12).

5. MANY ROOMS

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

Heaven contains many rooms (John 14:2; Isa. 26:19, 20).

6. THE THIRD LEVEL

The Ark was built with three interior levels (Gen. 6:16). Noah's family would have been quartered in the upper, third, level (Gen. 8:6).

Scripture teaches there are three levels to heaven (2 Cor. 12:2). The third level, God's dwelling place, is where the raptured saints will be quartered during the Tribulation.

7. A SINGLE DOOR

The Ark had only one door by which to enter (Gen. 6:16).

Heaven has only one "door" by which one can enter: Jesus Christ (John 10:9).

8. ALL FLESH DESTROYED

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

Jesus says that if the coming days of wrath were not shortened no flesh would survive (Matt. 24:22).

9. THE AGE OF MAN

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

According to God's six-thousand-year plan of redemption, humanity will be 6,000 years old when the Day of the Lord begins.

Finally, the tenth and most fascinating parallel between the Flood and Jesus' return has to do with a cataclysmic event in which the whole planet is upended, or turned on its side.

Geological evidence around the globe, such as fossilized plants and animals found at the wrong latitudes, and misaligned magnetic orientations in lava flows, indicates that at the time of a worldwide flood, the earth tilted on its axis.

The phenomenon is known as axial pole shift, a far-fetched sounding but scientifically acknowledged event in which the earth's crust suddenly slips around its molten core, altering the latitudinal position of the land masses.

The tilting of the globe to its current axis of 23.5 degrees accounts for the drastic change in climate after Noah's Flood, including the beginning of the hydrological cycle, the ice age, and the seasons.

What is awesome and terrifying to consider is that Scripture describes another tilting of the globe at the final Day of Judgment. Passages in Isaiah depict the earth being moved exceedingly, turned upside down, reeling to and fro, and every landmass being moved out of its place (Isa. 13:13; 24:1, 19, 20; Ps. 46:2, 3). Luke and Revelation describe roaring seas, strange tides, and the heavens receding like a scroll (Luke 21; 25, 26; Rev. 6:14).

These phenomena collectively illustrate what would occur in the event of an axial pole shift.

Additionally, the collapse of Earth's magnetic field—our protective shield from the fury of the Sun—that would coincide with a pole shift accounts for the intense scorching of the planet that occurs in Revelation 16. The slipping and sliding of the earth's crust explains the increase of earthquakes and massive volcanic activity that darkens the heavens (Rev. 6:12; 8:5, 12; 11:13, 19; 16:18).

Needless to say, planet earth is going to be an extremely inhospitable place during the Day of the Lord. In fact, conditions will be so horrific that men will seek death, but death will elude them (Rev. 9:6).

A dramatic ramping up of signs such as pandemics, natural disasters, and a rising call for peace in the Middle East, indicates Judgment Day is near and fast approaching. Therefore, now is the time to make sure you're qualified to escape all these things and to stand before the Son of Man at His return (Luke 21:36).

One qualifies for escape by being in a saving relationship with the Lord.

If you don't know Jesus, call on Him now. Confess with your mouth that He is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved (Rom. 10:9-10).

Do it today.

Time is running out.

NOTES:

1. Noah and his family entered the Ark on the seventeenth day of the month called Cheshvan, corresponding to October-November. On that day, the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened (Gen. 7:11-13). Seven days later, the floodwaters were upon the earth (v. 10).

2. That a tilting of the globe, or axial pole shift, occurred during the Flood is supported by passages in the extra-biblical Books of Enoch and Jasher. Also, ancient traditions from cultures worldwide (Chinese, Eskimos, Zulu, etc.) allude to the world being turned upside down at the time of a great deluge.

3. Miscellaneous facts about Cheshvan:

- Noah and his family boarded the Ark in the month of Cheshvan and disembarked the vessel a year later in Cheshvan (Gen. 7, 8).
- The First Temple was completed by Solomon in Cheshvan.
- Cheshvan marks the beginning of the rainy season in Israel. The rains of Cheshvan have eschatological significance as Scripture compares Jesus' return to the autumn rains (Hos. 6:3).
- Cheshvan is the eighth month. Eight is the number of new beginnings in Scripture.
- Cheshvan (October) is when the Sun leaves the constellation Virgo and enters Libra, whose "scales of justice" denote judgment.