

AS THE DAYS OF NOAH WERE...

Matthew 24:37 (NKJV)

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Jesus here confirms the historical reality of Noah and the truth of a universal flood as recorded in Genesis. People that don't believe in the biblical story of Noah and the ark really have a problem with Jesus too because He affirmed it.

Conditions prior to the rapture will be similar to what they were in the days of Noah. Yes, Noah was a preacher of righteousness but the people didn't take him seriously (2 Pet. 2:5).

2 Peter 3:3-6 (NKJV)

3 knowing this first: that **scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

5 For this **they willfully forget**: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

In the last day scoffers will mock the idea of Christ coming again and they will "willfully forget" the truth of the universal flood in Noah's day. The evidence is so powerful and evident that one must willfully reject it.

Fossils are EVERYWHERE! There are billions and billions of them. They are found on every continent and even on the highest mountains. Fossils are the result of rapid burial. They are the encased remains of once living things that were suddenly buried in layers of rock. How did this rapid burial happen all over the world? Some fossils still have "soft tissue" showing they were buried merely thousands of years ago and not millions. This rapid burial all over the world speaks of catastrophic circumstances. How could billions of creatures be entombed rapidly all over the world?

The most consistent and logical explanation is the one the Bible gives - namely the global flood recorded in Genesis (cf. Gen. 7-8). God allowed

the flood to cover the entire world in a catastrophic event that killed all air-breathers except those on the ark. As the waters rose they covered all the continents burying billions and billions of creatures and plants in the sediments they deposited.

Atheistic "science" wants to deny the reality of the Genesis flood but the evidence for it is overwhelming. There are billions and billions of reasons to believe it happened as seen in the fossil record. Take away the universal flood and you have no basis for a universal fossil record. Fossils all over the world, even in the Himalayas, are a GLARING testament to the truth of the Bible.

The mocking of the last days is based on the idea that life is proceeding without any evidence of divine intervention. This is how it was in the days of Noah and how it will be in the last days before the Rapture. But divine intervention will be on full display in the Day of the Lord judgments!

Matthew 24:38 (NKJV)

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

What is being described here is life as normal with no thought for God. The emphasis at this point is not great immorality or violence, but rather normalcy and indifference. This is secular indifference. The great evil here was being immersed in everyday life with no regard or thought for God or coming judgment. They were clueless.

There is nothing wrong with eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage. These are the normal activities of life and they are gifts of God to be enjoyed (1 Tim. 6:17). However, even in our eating nothing is to be received without acknowledging God in thanksgiving (1 Tim. 4:4-5).

If you want to offend God, just go on living life as if He doesn't exist. Just leaving God out is godless. He doesn't appreciate the "silent treatment". It is amazing how many "professing Christians" carry on like practical atheists with a self-oriented life and with no real thought for God. As it was - so shall it be – and so it is.

They carried on with this indifference until the very day that Noah entered the ark. That was the day of judgment and that day everything changed. As they say, “Noah looked like a fool until it started to rain.”

Now let me ask you, does the description here really fit the Day of the Lord as described in the book of Revelation? How can anyone sincerely believe that people in the Tribulation Period will carry on with life as normal with no thought about God or judgment. Really? In the context of the seal judgments we read...

Revelation 6:15–17 (NKJV)

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Does that sound like life as normal? Does that sound like they are oblivious to what is happening? In the context of the trumpet judgments we read.

Revelation 9:20 (NKJV)

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Does that sound like “business as usual” going about the normal affairs of life?

In the context of the bowl judgments we read....

Revelation 16:9 (NKJV)

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Does this sound like life as normal or that they are oblivious to what is happening! No! In Rev. 6:8 we find that one-fourth of the world’s population will die under the fourth seal judgment. Under the 6th trumpet judgment, a

third of mankind will die as seen in Rev. 9:18. That accounts for half the world's population right there and we haven't even gotten to the most severe judgments as seen in the bowl judgments. Isaiah 24:1 in speaking of this coming judgment day says, "**the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste...the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left**" (cf. Isa. 24:1-6), and yet we are to believe that the people living then will just be oblivious and carrying on with life as normal? That is a MAJOR disconnect!

How in the world can one honestly believe that people will carry on with life as normal in the Day of the Lord until the Second Coming of Christ to the earth? That is to deny the plain sense of everything that is written about the Day of the Lord.

I submit to you that Christ here in Matthew 24:36-44 is describing the time before the Day of the Lord judgment hits, and not after the time this judgment has fallen upon the earth. Then life will be anything but normal for the whole of mankind!

"Jesus comments 'men [will be] fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world' (Luke 21:26). This is not life as usual.

The most transparent meaning of the 'days of Noah' illustration (vv. 37-39) is that, just as normal but unsuspecting lifestyles existed prior to the great judgment of the flood, so too normal but unsuspecting lifestyles will exist prior to the sudden onslaught of the day-of-the-Lord judgments and the rapture of the church." – **John F. Hart**