

September 24, 2023 (Sermon Notes)

“The Days of Noah – Part 2”

Genesis 6:1-7

Prel Rmks

LOGW ~ Handout ~ Soon: screens – Bible open to text; extra verses on screens

(1) Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, (2) that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. (3) And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." (4) There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. (5) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. (6) And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (7) So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

INTRO

Matthew 24:37 But as **the days of Noah** *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

What were the days of Noah like?

Review:

I. They Were Days of Exponential Multiplication 1

(1) Now it came to pass, when men began to **multiply massive increase** on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

II. They Were Days of Unusual Demon Possession 2

(2) that the **sons of God demons – angels who were cast out of heaven with Satan when he rebelled against God** saw the

daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

I want us to think about a few other ramifications of what was taking place at that time:

1. Every child born as the result of these unions had a demon possessed father.
 2. They lived in a home that was influenced and dominated by a demon and the demonic forces of Satan.
 3. Our world today is influenced and dominated by demons more than we realize or know – {my experience in drug and alcohol recovery ministry – mind altering drugs and alcohol open up the mind and souls of men and women to Satanic and demonic influence, if not outright possession. WARNING!}
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III. They Were Days of Spiritual Persuasion 3

(3) And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not **strive with contend, plead, deal** with **man mankind** forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years till the flood.**"

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Jude 1:14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **(15)** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

- The Holy Spirit was at work
- Noah was preaching
- God was giving mankind an opportunity to repent
- God was patient: 120 years
- Noah preached and built {like Nehemiah: sword & trowel}
- Zero converts except for his family

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entered the ark, (39) and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

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- They may have been large and powerful physically, also
- But the primary meaning here is that they were powerful in the way they dominated and ruled over other men.
- These men were overlords – their motto was “might makes right”!

Men like Lamech (the descendant of Cain): Genesis 4:23-24

Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. (24) If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

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(5) Then the LORD saw that the **wickedness*** of man *was* great in the earth, and *that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was* only **evil*** **continually***. (6) And the LORD was **sorry*** that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (7) So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am **sorry*** that I have made them."

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Later Jesus lamented and wept over Jerusalem ... "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem ..."

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