

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... But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God... And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark... Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did... Then the Lord said to Noah... "I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation." From Genesis 6-7:1

### 1. Key Characteristics of Noah's Generation

#### a) Great wickedness of man.

- Continuously evil thoughts (Gen 6:5)
- Filled with violence (Gen 6:11)
- All flesh corrupt (Gen 6:12)
- Disobedient to God's longsuffering in calling all to repentance (1 Pet 3:19-20)
- Complete disregard to God's judgment (Matt 24:38-39)

#### b) Coming Judgment

- God filled with grief and sorrow because of His creation (Gen 6:6)
- The end of all flesh (Gen 6:13)
- Flood waters to cover whole earth (Gen 6:17)
- Remnant of creation preserved and delivered from judgment (Gen 6:18-21)

### 2. Key Characteristics of the Last Days

#### a) Great wickedness of man.

- Abounding evil (lawlessness) (Matt 24:12)
- Filled with violence (Matt 24:9)
- Great corruption and idolatry (Matt 24:10,15)
- False prophecies and false christs sent to deceive those who refuse to love the truth (Matt 24:5,11,24)
- Complete disregard to God's judgment (Matt 24:38-39)

#### b) Coming Judgment

- Beginning of sorrows (Matt 24:8)
- Days shortened for the sake of the elect (Matt 24:22)
- Judgment and tribulation covers the whole earth (Matt 24:7,21)
- Remnant preserved and delivered from judgment -those who endure will be saved- (Matt 24:13)

### 3. The Faithful Witness: Perfect in their Generations

#### a) Character of the faithful witness

Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. (Gen 6:9)

He has shown you, o man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

- **Do Justice:** The faithful give themselves to understanding and walking

according to what God calls just and righteous.

- **Love mercy:** The faithful believe, reciprocate and love God's mercies. Love is the one thing that is perfect and can be perfected in us. Everything else will fall short, but God's love never fails.
- **Walk humbly with God:** This is the path to true intimacy and peace with God. With no humility we have NO grace. Pride is the absence of grace. In humility we can possess the fullness of grace. Grace is the power to be righteous before God, overcome sin, have peace with God and assurance in the hope He has given us. The only prerequisites to grace are faith and humility. These things produce in us a perfect hope.

**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (Prov 3:34)**

**Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)**

#### **4. Seven Keys from Jesus and What Binds them Together (Matthew 24:6,13,14,23&26,32,42,44)**

**a) Take Heed!** We must listen and obey Jesus. This is the call to stand in His counsel. Receiving His counsel will position us to understand His perfect leadership so that we might walk in His ways.

- **1) Do not Be Troubled.** We must learn, understand and trust His plans. When we have trust in His faithfulness and leadership, knowing His strategy, we will possess confidence in our hearts.
- **2) Endure.** We must be obedient to His love and patiently wait for His Kingdom. We must not grow weary in doing good, and in everything to give thanks.
- **3) Preach the Kingdom.** When the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in every people group the end will come, hastening the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- **4) Test all Prophecy.** Do not believe false testimonies or prophecies.
- **5) Understand the Time and Season (generations) Leading up to His Return.** This is the call to understand the things that must take place. We are blessed if we understand them. (Rev 1:1-3)
- **6) Watch.** Cultivate a watchful spirit. Know the signs of the times as described in scripture and watch for them. If we are watchful we will know how to prepare.
- **7) Make Yourself Ready.** We must prepare. We do this by pursuing the justice of undefiled religion, being obedient to His love and mercy, and to pursue intimacy through a lifestyle of worship and prayer. Jesus is returning for a holy bride. She will be blameless and pure. This is the perfection of obedience to love. Jesus will not return until this happens. (Rev 19:7-9)