

# THE DAYS OF NOAH

## Noah

PART 3

Genesis 6:1-12 and Matthew 24:37-38

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ALL SCRIPTURES ARE PRINTED VERBATIM WITH TRANSLATIONS NOTED.

IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

## A. God's Bow

**Genesis 9:13-15, NASB95** - <sup>13</sup> I set My bow [HEB. נֶשֶׁר (ne-SHEH-er) this word is used 77 times in the OT (76 times it refers to a "bow" as in "bow and arrow" or a weapon used by an archer and only here, in Gen. 9:13, it is used figuratively referring to a rainbow] in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> "It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, <sup>15</sup> and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Let's think about the bow. A bow is an instrument of war, but God has transformed it into a picture of His grace and faithfulness, a guarantee of peace. God could certainly turn the bow of judgment upon us, because we've broken His law and deserve judgment. *But He has turned the bow toward heaven and taken the punishment*

*for us Himself!* When Jesus died on the cross, it was the Just One suffering for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18) and bearing the suffering that rightfully belonged to us. — Warren W. Wiersbe



A double rainbow photographed by Bethany Crownover. This picture was taken from Windy Hill.

## B. The Days of Noah

TWO KEY PASSAGES

**Matthew 24:37-39, NASB95** - <sup>37</sup> "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. <sup>38</sup> "For as in those days before the flood **❶** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark <sup>39</sup> and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**Apostasy** (vv. 4-5) • **Anarchy** (vv. 6-8) • **Apathy** (vv. 12-13) • **Affliction** (9-10)

**Great Accomplishment** (v. 14—but this clearly happens during the 7 Year Tribulation)

**Genesis 6:1-8, NASB95** - <sup>1</sup> Now it came about, when **❷** men began to multiply on the face of the land, and **❸** daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." <sup>4</sup> **❹** The Nephilim [lit. fallen giants] were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God [likely the godly line of Seth] came in to the daughters of men [likely the ungodly line of Cain—intermarriage—marriage between believers and unbelievers], and they bore children to them. <sup>5</sup> **❺** Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown [to be fair to the argument, some scholars believe "sons of God" were angels who inhabited human bodies, married human women, and gave birth to the Nephilim (see Gen 3:5, 2 Pet. 2:4-5, and Jude 6-7)]. <sup>6</sup> **❻** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>7</sup> **❽** The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>8</sup> **❾** The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for **❿** I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>9</sup> But **❻** Noah found favor in the eyes of the **❾** LORD.

**❶** It was business as usual—they will be unaware of the coming judgment.

**❷** There will be a population explosion.

**❸** Marriage will be based on sexual desire and physical beauty alone.

**❹** God's clear plan for marriage and the home will be abandoned.

**❺** Governmental leaders who are trusted will fail mankind.

**❻** Mankind will jump headlong into evil.

**❽** God will be gravely disappointed with mankind.

**❾** God's judgment will come again to the earth—this time by fire.

**❿** Believers will stand alone in this world.

**❾** God's authority will be rejected in the name of "freedom."

**Matthew 24:33-34, NIV** - <sup>33</sup> Even so, when you see all these things, you know that [My second coming] is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Until Christ comes again, do not be **deceived** (Matt. 24: 4, 11) or **discouraged** (v. 6) or **defeated** (v. 13) or **doubtful** (vv. 34-35) or **distracted** (v. 42).