## Book of Hebrews Part 41: 11:7; Champions of the Faith – Noah

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We are currently looking at Hebrews chapter eleven featuring the champions of the faith. The first two men we already looked at were Abel and Enoch. Now, these are men of exemplary character. We are called to rise up to the level of these men. To take our place at their side. To bear the kind of faith these men had.

Today we get to look at the next man on the list. His name is Noah or in the Hebrew, נה (Noach). If you know the story, it is going to make sense that his name means rest.

A little disclaimer about the sermon today. I formatted it somewhat differently than normal. In other words, you're going to get bombarded in different ways. We're going to be jumping all over the place, going from scripture to scripture. We're going to do Jewish apocalyptic work. We're going to be looking at the book of Enoch again. Dipping our toe, if you will, into that pool a little bit. The book of Enoch, if you're not familiar with it, gives the backdrop to the story of the days of Noah. It tells you what was going on in that age. We're going to be looking at the apocalyptic work of 2nd Esdras which is included in the Apocrypha. Remember the Apocrypha was traditionally and historically read, studied and revered by Christians. Even in the words of Luther, with regard to the Apocrypha, he said it has weight with the faithful, but it avails nothing amongst the obstinate. Today, we will also be looking at Josephus, the Jewish historian.

I mention these things because as we're hopping all over the place, I do not want you to be distracted. We'll be moving back and forth between all these works and you need to stay with the train of thought. As I'm doing this, it will all make sense. At least I hope it will. But stay with me, don't get distracted. We're going to move at a pretty hefty pace today. Initially, this was going to be a three week study on Noah. But I'm condensing and crushing this into just one week. We've got so much to cover in Hebrews chapter eleven.

So here we go. I want to open up today with a statement made in Matthew 24, an apocalyptic chapter of the gospel. In it, Yeshua says something so profound, it sets the stage for our entire message today. It sets the stage showing you just how relevant what we're embarking on today is to you and to me. Yeshua says, But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:37). In other words, do you want to know when Yeshua is coming? Do you want to know how close you are? Do you want to know what that generation actually looks like? You have to go back and study the days of Noah. I can tell you for well over a decade, I have overturned every rock possible in regard

to any resource I could get my hands on, to get some insight which I can glean from in regard to understanding these days. Because it's imperative, in that, as the days of Noah were so also will be His coming. So I know when He's going to be coming and I'll know when He's at the door, we are going to study this today. It's terrifying to know that today we are living in the days of Noah. By the time we get to the end of the sermon today, I believe you'll believe that.

So with that said, let's open up with Hebrews 11:7, By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household (emphasis added). I want to draw your attention to what's highlighted here, being divinely warned of things not yet seen. Noah didn't see it. God was telling him something he could not tangibly touch, he could not tangibly see. There was no evidence whatsoever. Noah had nothing to substantiate God's word. It's not like when the LORD spoke these words to him that he could say "Oh, I see this massive black cloud on the horizon and blankets of water coming down. LORD, you're telling me this flood is coming and it makes sense. I can see it. I have a sign". Noah doesn't have water up to his knees and the LORD comes and says I'm bringing a flood. And Noah says "Yeah, I can see that. That makes sense, I'm going to go get a boat".

Nothing like that. God comes and tells him, I am coming to bring judgment. I am coming to do something that has never been done before. It's going to be horrific, of which there's no precedent. This had never happened before. It wasn't even that there wasn't any tangible sign for him to see, there was no precedent at all. It wasn't like Noah said the LORD's telling me that there's going to be this great flood. He's going to wipe out all of human race. Well, he's done this before, so LORD the fact that you're telling me this makes sense, you did this three times in the last 500 years. I believe you.

No precedent! We need to step back and get in the context. Do you understand what the writer of Hebrews is really talking about? What kind of faith Noah had? He had nothing but the word of the LORD and it was more than enough. He moved with godly fear. That is an incredible thing. Before we go any further, you need to understand this component. Noah had nothing by which to base this off, but he believed God's word.

To help you further appreciate what the writer is really conveying, I want to take you back to Genesis. In Genesis, we're going to look at this story. But I want you to understand one particular thing. I want you to appreciate what kind of generation Noah was dealing with. If you want to appreciate how great this man's faith was, you have to know what kind of generation he was living in. You're going to have a much greater respect for him.

And so with that said, let's go to Genesis. And this is what we read in Genesis 6:5, 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. You look at this only evil continually. It consumed them. Every thought, one thought after another, the intent of their hearts, was just embracing evil. The exact opposite of what righteous men would do. You think of in Deuteronomy 6, what we're called to when we walk by the way, when we lie down, when we rise up, to meditate on His holiness, on His righteousness, on His goodness from the rising of the sun till it's going down. The name of the Lord is to be praised. I think of Psalm 139:17, How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! Men of God are intoxicated with the Spirit of God. They're intoxicated with the thought of God, His goodness, His faithfulness, His love, His mercy, His grace. It consumes their hearts.

This generation of Noah knows nothing of that. They've gone the opposite direction. All they can think about is evil. Covetousness is their food. Idolatry is their drink. Harlotry is sport. Murder is celebrated. This is the generation that Noah lived in. This is a generation that doesn't know how to blush.

When Paul talks to the Philippians about those whose god is their belly, whose glory is their shame, who set their minds on earthly or evil things, this is that kind of generation. This is a generation that knows nothing about conviction, their conscience has been seared with a hot iron. There is no love. There is no compassion. There is no mercy. There is no grace. There is no God. No God of Noah. This is a generation given over to complete and total depravity. Total darkness. This is a scary time to be alive.

You do not want to live in a generation like that. It's agony. It's painful. Why do I say that? It brings to mind 2 Peter 2:8 in regard to Lot who was in a similar situation, whom Peter tells us that it ...tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds (emphasis added). Satan's on notice. That's the deal.

Know that for a righteous man like Noah to live in the generation he lived in was pure agony. This is the kind of man he had to be, with this kind of faith, for him to get through this.

Now we're going to jump ahead to Genesis 6:13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; (emphasis added). That term, violence, in Hebrew is חמס (khamas). The earth was filled with חמס (khamas). It means violence, but it is a little broader term than that. At times in the Torah we see it defined differently, sometimes it's simply called wrong or even unrighteousness in the context of falsehood. It means lawlessness. This is unbridled sin. This is sin without conscience. This is one (khamas). This is sin that doesn't know how to blush. So when you think of המס (khamas), that's what you think of.

Now the keyword I want to point out here is this word filled, in Hebrew מלא (maleh). That word is instrumental in the text and tells you everything. What do I mean by that? When you see the Lord speaking in terms like this, that it is **filled** now with violence, what it tells you is, now He's coming. Now the Lord is coming for judgment. There are examples I could give scripturally and one example I can think of is found in Revelation 17:4. We have the mother of harlots mentioned. She's intoxicated with the blood of the saints. It's a very Jezebel-like creature. Remember Jezebel slaughtering the prophets? This mother of harlots is the same, but what's interesting in Revelation 17 is that it mentions she's holding something. She's holding a golden cup and what does it say? It is **filled** with abominations, with atrocious sins. It's filled. And what do you read after that? Her destruction. So when we see now the Earth is filled, the cup is full, God is done. He is now coming with judgment.

With that said, look at this...the earth is **filled with violence**, חמס (khamas). What does that look like? We can talk about it broadly, well, this is just pure evil, unbridled evil. But what kind of evil? What does it look like? What does sin that is unbridled look like? How would we actually visualize that? I'm going to tell you. One way to describe this is they began to eat men's flesh and drink blood. This is what they did.

This is supported in Enoch, the backstory to Noah, And they began to sin against birds, and beast, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. <sup>6</sup> Then the earth laid accusation against them (emphasis added, Enoch 7:5).

Now understand they're not eating flesh and drinking blood because their plane crashed in the Andes Mountains. This has nothing to do with famine. You have to understand this is not for survival. This is total depravity. This is a level of perversion that had never existed on the earth until this generation.

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:37). One of the primary signs given in Noah's day of this unbridled evil, this DMT (khamas), which existance was consuming flesh. What do we know that is happening today? Well, let me read you a headline and the headline says: Miami Police Shoot, Kill Man Eating Another Man's Face. In broad daylight the guy is literally feasting on his face. Now as the responders get there they are beyond disturbed, because they've never seen anything like this in their life. I'm sure they're still getting therapy after having to see what happened here. And the answer was given that this guy is obviously hopped up on drugs and I think it was bath salts. But isn't it fascinating, because bath salts, LSD, all of these drugs, they are mediators, conduits, to allow evil spirits to join into the physical realm. When you start seeing this stuff, what is happening is the wicked evil demonic realm molds together openly with our physical reality. This is what was happening in the days of Noah.

It's crazy. And let me tell you something about the days of Noah. Guess what was happening? Fallen spirits were literally teaching men evil things. They were being led by these spirits. Evil spirits were doing these things. Absolutely demonic.

National Geographic headline: <u>Cannibalism—the Ultimate Taboo Is Surprisingly Common -</u> by Simon Worrall, Feb. 19th, 2017. Then you have the New York Post. They ran an article on Fox News: <u>Scientist Suggests Eating Human Flesh to Fight Climate Change -</u> by Gersen Keith Gaynor, Sep 9, 2019.

You cannot make that up. You know how things start slowly? It's now being injected into the narrative that maybe cannibalism is a solution to food sustainability in the future. Listen to me. This is not the last you're going to hear of this. When it's starting to happen at an academic level, not a guy that's hopped up on bath salts in broad daylight, but when the narrative is being taken to this place, we're living in the days of Noah. This is crazy. There is no question we are living in those days.

The BBC: The People Who Drink Human Blood. In most major cities around the world, communities of ordinary people – nurses, bar staff, secretaries – are drinking human blood on a regular basis. The question is, why? There are thousands of people drinking blood in the US alone. . . - BBC, Future, By David Robson, Oct 21, 2015.

When we read in the Book of Enoch, one of the primary things that is specifically mentioned in regard to that generation, something that was notable enough to be mentioned in the book, was that they were eating human flesh and drinking the blood.

We have problems today. Do you know how close we are to the very end? We are there. Think about Noah's generation being a generation that celebrates death. I never in my wildest imagination would believe the things that I'm seeing today could possibly be real.

We are a generation celebrating death. *Shout Your Abortion*, it's a book coming out. Look at these comments on abortion: "Abortion is normal and it's time to treat it this way.", "Abortion is moral", "We could have been okay, instead we're happy." In other words, we could have been okay, if we had had the child, we would have financially made it. But no, instead, we're going to be happy. "I had an

abortion and I am not apologizing" There are hundreds of others that I could have put up here. I'm just giving you an idea.

Do you understand? This is the generation Noah lived in. A generation that we're living in. A generation that celebrates this kind of death, it can rejoice in it. This is המס (khamas). Unbridled evil that has no conscience whatsoever.

It's even in the church. I showed this a couple weeks ago: "Abortion providers are some of my personal heroes and modern-day saints," Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, Episcopal priest. This is from an Episcopal priest.

This is what we're seeing. Murder today is fashionable. It's Hollywood. It's trendy. It's the cool thing to do. You're not anybody unless you're having an abortion. Everybody wants to get on this train. This is absolutely beyond demonic. I want to take you back to the book of Enoch because there's something else the book takes time to mention specifically.

This is what we read in Enoch 8:2, And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication and they were led astray, (see, it shows the demonic influence, they were led astray) and became corrupt in all their ways (emphasis added). These fallen spiritual beings started teaching that generation. They started teaching them about weaponry, enchantments and astrology. They started teaching them about tinctures and all of these things, revealing knowledge that was never meant to be given to men. They're doing these things.

Now look at what I highlighted here, **they committed fornication**. Now understand something. The Book of Enoch is not simply referencing having relations with someone when you're not wed. No, no. This is way, way beyond that. The kind of fornication that was happening in their day was unprecedented.

And the rabbis picked up on this. The rabbis saw this. One of my favorite rabbinical insights from the Midrash comes to us from Genesis Rabbah. Listen to what they say, Rabbi Huna said in the name of Rabbi Joseph, 'The generation of the Flood was not wiped out until they wrote marriage documents for the union of a man to a male or to an animal.' (emphasis added, Genesis Rabbah 26:4, Leviticus Rabbah 23:9)

Do you understand? If you're going to be living in the days of Noah, this is one of the things we should see. We should see marriage certificates. Do you know, and we see this globally, this is a new thing, a recent trend?

Homosexuality is nothing new. When God brought Israel out of Egypt into the land of Canaan, they were practicing homosexuality. Homosexual partnerships are nothing new. What I'm talking about is marriage certificates of a male to male. This is a new trend. I can show you. The first country in the world to embrace marriage certificates for same-sex relationship was in 2001. We're not even 20 years from this happening. 2001 was the Netherlands. Belgium and Canada followed in 2003. Spain in 2005. South Africa in 2006. Norway in 2008 and Sweden in 2009. Up to date, roughly about 30 countries in the world have formally allowed, at a governmental level, same-sex marriage. Not unions, not partnerships, which you can go back to in the 90's and a lot of these countries recognized and allowed same-sex partnership, but it wasn't marriage. It wasn't enough and that's why the fight has been so vigorous. No, they want marriage. This is what they desire. Same-sex marriage has only happened in the last 20 years.

We are literally living in the days of Noah. Then in 2015 this country, that was built on Christian principles, that was built on the Ten Commandments, joined the group.

And one thing I'll never get over. It shocked me. I was watching footage of the crowds gathering together at the Supreme Court waiting for the verdict. Are they going to legalize it? What was the vote?

Let me show you a picture. Here's a picture of that gathering. You'll notice all the flags. This one in specific caught my eye. There's another one too in a different color. People were wearing it on their lapels with little pins. This equal symbol, which in their minds meant equality. Well, you need to understand what gripped me



about this was what I read in 2 Samuel 8:2, Then he (David) defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. Two lines! Look at this. They don't even realize they're holding the flag of death. It's the mark of death and yet they're celebrating this.

The fact that we're writing marriage certificates for this today is the mark of death and I don't need their symbols and their flags to prove this. I can go to scripture. I can look at the Torah. I can look at the New Testament. I can read very clearly in 1 Corinthians, chapter 6, they will never inherit the Kingdom of God. We have to change that. The Gospel changes that. The Gospel pulls these people out who don't know any better. The people going along with this which is very, very demonic. It's very scary.

I'm going back to Genesis 6:13. We read the following, And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence -מסכ (khamas)- through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth (emphasis added).

So when the writer of Hebrews starts talking about how Noah was divinely instructed, that he was warned, well, here it is, we see it here in Genesis. God comes to Noah and tells him, I am going to destroy the Earth, everything in it will be gone. So Noah has one or two options. He can either believe it, on God's word only, because there are no signs. Or he can walk away and continue to trust what his eyes see. Right? I cannot put enough emphasis on Noah's faith. This is what the writer is trying to do. All Noah had was God's word. The fact that Noah believed God's word brought salvation.

Do you know what God told Noah, this warning, we're told today? We are told the exact same thing. The exact same thing about which Noah was warned, we have been warned today. We read this in Isaiah 13:6-7, 9, Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt.... Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. We've been warned.

The thing I wonder is do you actually believe it in the capacity that Noah believed it? Is this going to get you to move with godly fear? To build your ark, to build that salvation? In other words, if you actually believe this, it's going to transform your entire life. Every facet will be changed. You will spend more time in prayer. You will spend more time in the Word. You will spend more time interceding for your

beloved brothers and sisters. You will love your neighbor as yourself. You will walk humbly before God. You will do justly, you will love mercy. This is what it will do. It will drive you there because of the fear of the Lord. Because it's a reality.

You look at today and people are just simply living horizontally. Their reality is exclusively what they see. They know and they plan by this. I can almost guarantee, every single one of you, your expectation is that you're going to get up tomorrow and you already have your list of things that you're going to do.

What Noah had, I don't see a whole lot of in our generation. Someone that is consumed, that is busying himself with the righteousness of God, with walking with God. Being obedient to God. Noah gave his entire life to creating this ark. He did nothing else. This is who he was.

Peter has this to say, But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (2 Peter 3:10). Peter knows what I just read, God's warning, it's true. He's preaching it.

Peter goes on, Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, (2 Peter 3:11). Do you actually believe that judgment is coming? Peter is saying you need to be walking with the greatest of the greats, these champions of the faith. You should be taking your place at their side. We should look like them. The things they did we should be doing.

Continuing on, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, **without spot and blameless**; (emphasis added, 2 Peter 3:12-14). It's interesting, the man, Noah, is described in this very manner. He was a just man and blameless before God. In fact, it actually says he walked with God. The very thing that we read about Enoch, that he walked with God and was not. The same thing was said of Noah in that he walked with God. This is what it takes.

2 Peter 3:17 states, You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, I love this. In Amos 3:7 it says the Lord does nothing without first communicating it through His prophets. Noah was a prophet. No question about that. Peter was a prophet. You can see the spirit of prophecy coming out. Continuing in 2 Peter 3:17, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; (emphasis added). This is scary to me because Peter reveals that in this generation, the days are like unto Noah. There's a real threat to be led astray. He wouldn't mention it if it wasn't a threat. But it is. Paul also tells us many in the last days are going to depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons? We've seen that before, in the days of Noah. That's why they were being led astray. It was by deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

I'm going back to Hebrews 11:7, By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, (emphasis added). Noah's faith wasn't conceptual. It didn't happen where God said, hey, I'm going to bring judgment on the earth. This is what you need to do. This is how you need to walk. And Noah replied, yeah, that's awesome. That's great. I believe that. And then not build the ark.

No, because it was a reality to Noah. True faith is action. It moves. So Noah, prepared an ark for the saving of his household. But then the writer goes on and says, listen to this, by which he condemned the world... (emphasis added, Hebrews 11:7). What an amazing statement! His obedience to God, his faithfulness, his faith actually condemned the world in his generation, a generation that was so consumed by evil we can barely describe it. And unfortunately, today that is a reality. It was Noah's behavior that testified.

Is your behavior testifying today? Think about this. Is your light shining? Or do you have it tucked away under a basket? Do people even know you're a believer? I don't want to be that guy. When there's interaction, I want people to walk away and know, whether they like me or not, he knows Jesus. That's what the testimony needs to be. I want my testimony to be, I know that guy's been with Jesus. This was Noah's testimony.

I want to take you to the first century Jewish historian Josephus. Listen to his comments in regard to this. For many angels of God accompanied with women, (He's talking about the fall. These angels are recorded in Enoch) and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants. But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and, being displeased at their conduct... This is important commentary. He lays it out so that you understand. How does Noah respond to his generation? I think most of us could figure it out, Noah hated it. He hated living in this generation. He hated having to see the things that he saw. It pained him. He's not okay with it. But this is what I want to show you. Josephus goes on to say ... persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews).

Noah brought the gospel. Josephus makes note of this. Noah brought the gospel of salvation. He preached it. He tried to get them to turn from their wicked ways. This was not something where Noah is a man of faith and he turns his back on everyone saying, "forget you!" I'm out of here. I've got a boat. Noah doesn't do that. He's burdened. He has a burden for the lost. It's the heart of the Lord. The Lord is not willing that any should perish. Noah's generation is no exception. So Noah's preaching here.

I love this because Peter picks up on this and he says in 2 Peter 2:5, [for if God] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, ... Peter acknowledges that Noah was a preacher. He preached the truth. He preached the gospel. But then Peter continues, look at this ... bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly. How terrifying is that? Noah is preaching the gospel to the world and that preaching is the prerequisite to total damnation; to total destruction. This is interesting because when you read what Yeshua says in Matthew 24:14, And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. Unbelievable! The very same thing that Noah did, it's going to be done again.

The gospel has been preached virtually on every continent in the world. Do you know there are over five billion copies of the Bible produced? It's the most read, most published, most purchased book the world has ever known. It's been translated into over seven hundred languages and parts of the New Testament into thousands of languages. The gospel has covered the Earth. This is what literally predates the coming of the end. This aspect. Do you wonder if we're living in the days of Noah? Don't wonder.

Now we're going to 2 Esdras. This apocalyptic book reads like Revelation with the angels speaking to Ezra just like the angel speaks to John in Revelation. "Now concerning the signs: lo, the days are coming when those who inhabit the earth shall be seized with great terror, and the way of truth shall be hidden, he reveals something here that is so critical for us. We covered it in the last message a little bit.

When the spirit of antichrist is unleashed on this earth, it is going to grow stronger and stronger and stronger. It's going to cast truth to the ground. It won't tolerate truth. It's not going to tolerate the Torah. It's not going to tolerate the Gospel. It's going to snuff it out. It's going to make sure there's no access to it. And then look at this again, those who inhabit the earth shall be seized with great terror. Read Luke 21, men's hearts will fail them for the things that are coming upon the Earth. There's going to be great terror. There is going to be no truth. They're going to be suppressing the truth. This will be your worst nightmare. Noah's generation was the worst nightmare until this generation came along, the one we're living in right now.

The last part of this verse says this, and the land shall be barren of faith (2 Esdras 5:1). Do you want to know what it's going to look like when Yeshua returns? It's going to be completely barren of faith. That's interesting, because what does Yeshua say in Luke 18:8 ....Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" He tells you. This is a rhetorical question, if you will. I know where he's going with this. He is telling us something about the generation. It's going to be the darkest hour in the history of humanity. This is when He's coming back.

Enoch 106:18-19, this chapter is all about Noah — And now make known to thy son and call his name Noah for he shall be left to you, and he and his sons shall be saved from destruction, which shall come upon the earth on account of all the sin and all the unrighteousness which shall be consummated on the earth in his days. <sup>19</sup> And after that there shall be still more unrighteousness than that which was first consummated on the earth. Are you kidding me? What he is saying is it was hellish to be alive in the days of Noah, but at the coming of the Messiah, it's going to be worse. It's going to be worse. I'm going to tell you, with the stuff that my own eyes and ears are hearing today, I know it's already here. We have something now that nothing is said about in the book of Enoch.

Gender fluidity, gender delusion. Where one minute I can think I'm a guy, the next minute I can identify as a woman. Everybody is changing the nomenclature to they and them for a single individual. This is spiritual delusion. I mean, we read headlines like this: Women who believe men cannot become women akin to KKK, gender studies professor says - The Christian Post. This is coming out of academia. Do you understand that when you start seeing these things, when they start talking about eating human beings at some point and that it might be a sustainable source of food, coming out of academia, when you start reading stuff like this? It is a scary time to be alive.

I say that because, this is the days of Noah. The worst part of it is, it's only going to get worse. I'm going to tell you right now, it's not going to get better. You had better get resolved in your heart. You had better prepare your heart. You had better get grounded in the faith and grace in the Messiah Yeshua. You need to get grounded right now, because it's going to get way worse.

Look at what this says. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:13, But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. He doesn't say it's going to get better or it's going to get easier. No, it's going to be hell. Literally hell on Earth. The spirit of antichrist will be uninhibited. Whatever it wants to do, it will do. It has overtaken our governments and overtaken our education system from the

universities to the elementary schools. It has overtaken the media. I can't listen to it without almost vomiting. I mean, it's just everywhere, every facet. Infiltrating our libraries and children's books. We have crazy stuff going on.

Yeshua says in Matthew 24:12, And because **lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold (emphasis added). In other words, this lawlessness, this חמס (khamas), is going to increase. It is going to increase until He comes back.

2 Esdras 14:13-15 states, And now renounce the life that is corruptible, <sup>14</sup> and put away from you mortal thoughts; cast away from you the burdens of humankind, and divest yourself now of your weak nature; <sup>15</sup> lay to one side the thoughts that are most grievous to you, and hurry to escape from these times.

In other words, we should have the mentality, blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. This is where we need to be. This is the kind of resolve we need to have in our heart, Oh Yeshua come, I'm done. I'm done with everything here. I'm done seeing this sin. I'm done being exposed to this. I'm done trying to protect my children from the filth. Come, Lord Yeshua, come. This is the time to get your house in order.

Continuing on, For evils worse than those that you have now seen happen shall take place hereafter. Everywhere we go, it's the same message: it's going to get worse - <sup>17</sup> For the weaker the world becomes through old age, the more shall evils be increased upon its inhabitants <sup>18</sup> Truth shall go farther away, and falsehood shall come near (emphasis added, 2 Esdras 14:16-18). No kidding! When people are suffering from the delusion of not knowing what their gender is, that's happening really because they're in pain internally. These are hurt people and they don't know how to deal with it. Unfortunately, they're getting advice from the world and the world is sending them off the cliff, rather than coming to the gospel of Yeshua, which gives them life and peace. I know people that were in homosexuality, transgenderism and in that lifestyle, that have given their life to Christ and they are living victoriously with joy and peace today. But that's not what the world is coming to give them. That is not what the spirit of antichrist wants to give them. It wants to give them more delusional thoughts that this is how you're going to cope with this pain. It's insane.

Going back to Genesis 7:1, Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation" (emphasis added). This is not conceptual faith. Noah doesn't escape the wrath of God because he conceptually believed God. No, he moved in righteousness. He moved in obedience. He walked in God's Commandments. He walked in holiness. This is what he did and that's why he gets to come on the boat. Conceptual faith is not faith at all. What Noah had, that was faith. It moved him to obedience. Powerful.

Genesis 7:4, "For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made" (emphasis added). This is an interesting passage. It's interesting on a prophetic level, because you can read passages like Isaiah 26:20, Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. And so what the Lord did is He took Noah, He hid him in the ark and it says the Lord shut the door.

So the Lord hides them away, but there's something else here that's interesting on a prophetic level. You have this number seven, which is so biblically significant. What's interesting is God separates Noah from the world, but he didn't take him out of it. He's still there and yet there's no judgment. So get this

God takes and puts them on the boat. The boat is still there and there's no judgment. He does this for seven days. So this is prophetic and I'm bringing this up because this might help you understand Revelation, at least one aspect of it, a little bit better. God separates the righteous from the wicked. He makes a distinction.

Let me share with you a passage in Revelation 9 and Revelation 16 has the same thing as far as the idea. This is what we read, <sup>3</sup>Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <sup>4</sup>They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, **but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads** (emphasis added, Revelation 9:3-4). Isn't that interesting? God is separating the righteous from the wicked. Now here's what's really mind-blowing. Do you know when this happens? During the seven trumpets. That number seven is significant. It happens during the seven trumpets and the seven bowls of wrath that this distinction is made. It's an incredible thought. I could take it a step further. In the book of Exodus, which is a prophetic template, God's raining down His wrath. We usually say it is ten plagues. But it's not, it shouldn't be calculated that way. It should be calculated three and seven, because God separated Israel from the last seven plagues. This is powerful. It's something so interesting. God has a modus operandi, He has a mode of operation that He sticks to.

Moving on to verse 20, listen to this, this is during the seven trumpets. This is important because I think it gives us insight when looking back in history <sup>20</sup>But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands... This is during the seven trumpet blasts, which are calls to come back and repent. But they're not repenting ...that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. <sup>21</sup> And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts (emphasis added, Revelation 9:20-21). Their sorceries (their drugs). They refuse to repent. It's interesting, because there's coming a time during the sevens, the people will refuse to repent. They're not going to turn.

Actually, what they're going to do is to harden their hearts. It's going to get worse. We're told in scripture they're going to blaspheme God. A God Who they didn't believe in and never cared for, but now they're going to blaspheme Him, because it's going to be so overwhelming and so powerful, they're not going to be able to deny Him. You're not going to be able to blame this stuff on climate change. That lie is only going to go on for so long as the reason all these things are happening. We know the weather is changing. It's getting more intense. The waves and sea, we're told, will roar. There will be fires and there will be floods.

Australia's burning, I mean, my goodness, California was on fire just a year and a half ago. We start seeing this stuff, earthquakes in various places, and the world's going to tell you this climate change. So we need to pass a carbon tax. That makes perfect sense to the world, but I'm telling you there's coming a time where they're not going to be able to deny Yeshua is coming. He's coming back and these are the birth pains of the Messiah. The Earth is heaving because she wants to give birth to the dead. She's in labor. This is what we're seeing. It is getting crazy.

Hebrews 11:7 says, By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith (emphasis added). Because Noah had faith, he moved in obedience. Because Noah had faith, he built an ark. Because Noah had faith, he didn't compromise. Because Noah had faith, he didn't succumb to the crowd. We can bring it all back to faith. This is what faith really looks like.