

**QUESTION: Jesus says 'as in the days of Noah so will it be when the Son of Man returns' but how bad was it in the days of Noah? How can we know how similar we really are? Do you think the term 'giving in marriage' could mean living as if you are married when you are not?**

**ANSWER:** We don't need to worry about how close we are to being as wicked as they were in the days of Noah, because Jesus said **no one will know the day or the hour when He will return**. All we know is that world conditions will be getting progressively worse. We are told in I Thess. 5:1-4 that we should be able to read the "signs of the times" and not be in ignorance. Any Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit should be grieved at the evil in our society all around us, and it is this same "grieving of the Spirit" that is the reason for God's judgment. God allows the evil in this world to continue only as long as He is rescuing people out from its very depths, and bringing them into His kingdom. When the last person is saved, God will let loose His judgment upon this wicked world, just as He did in the days of Noah.

The term marrying and giving in marriage refers to the normalcy of life, as people make plans and carry on their normal functions of living, right up until Jesus returns. They will be oblivious, just as they were oblivious in Noah's time, to the coming judgment of God. As for "living as if you are married when you are not" the Bible does talk about the deterioration of the sanctity of marriage as a sign of the end times in I Timothy 4:1-3 and II Timothy 3:1-13.

- **Matthew 24:36** "But of that DAY and HOUR **no one KNOWS**, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."
- **Matthew 24:42 & 44** "**WATCH** therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." "Therefore you also **BE READY**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him."
- **I Thessalonians 5:1-4** "But concerning the times and the SEASONS, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves KNOW perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night.....But you, brethren, are not in darkness (ignorance), so that this Day should overtake you as a thief."
- **Luke 21: 28** "Now **when these things begin to happen**, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

The following are **some of the signs or indications** that we are to look for before Jesus returns to the earth to set up His kingdom:

A. Moral Conditions/Great Wickedness - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

- **Luke 17:26** "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in **the days of the Son of Man**."
- **Genesis 6:5 & 8** "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was **only EVIL continually**." "But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord."

B. Wars and Rumors of Wars - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

- **Luke 21:9-10** "But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.....nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

C. False Religions Increasing/Demonic Philosophies - Just check out your local library or bookstore. See below for more Scriptures.

- **I Timothy 4:1** "Now the Spirit expressly says that **in the LAST DAYS** some will DEPART from the faith, giving heed to SEDUCING SPIRITS and DOCTRINES (teachings) of DEMONS; speaking LIES in hypocrisy..."
- **I Thessalonians 4:16-17** "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away (apostasy) **comes first...**"

D. Earthquakes, Famines, Atmospheric Disturbances - Just turn on your T.V. to the news.

- **Luke 21:11** "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."

E. Health Conditions Worsening - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

- **Luke 21:11 & 26** "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and **PESTILENCES** (epidemics of disease); and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven." "**Men's hearts failing them** from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth..."

F. Increase of Knowledge and Travel - Compare today's access to knowledge to just 100 years ago. Today, we have ease of traveling to even the remotest parts of the earth, compared to 100 years ago.

- **Daniel 12:4** "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; may will go back and forth (travel), and knowledge will increase."

G. The Nation of Israel as a center of Conflict in the world, and Israel Preparing to Rebuild the Temple - Just turn on your T.V. to the nightly news.

1. The nation of Israel became an independent state in 1948. Ever since then, even though Israel is only the size of the state of New Jersey, the Arab nations and Palestinian groups around it have disputed Israel's right to the land, and continued acts of terrorism and war are being carried out in order to get the land back into their control. Zechariah 12:1-3

2. Orthodox Jews in Israel have plans and materials ready for the temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt, as soon as the Mosque of Omar is removed from the temple site. Certain prophecies in both Old and New Testaments show that **the temple will be rebuilt and in use** for daily sacrifices by the Jews before the Anti-Christ comes to power. Matthew 24:15-16, Daniel 9:27, 11:31 & 12:11, II Thessalonians 2:3-4

**Please also read Second Coming of Jesus.**