

# Still a Time of God's Mercy

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*[Matt 24:36-37] But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah 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.*

Are you aware that we are living in a period of God's mercy? Most people are not aware that God's hand of mercy is being extended to them, nor do they realize that He will take back His mercy from humanity soon, whereupon a time of great tribulation and suffering will come upon us. In the verses above, Lord Jesus describes the condition of human hearts regarding the end-times before His return to earth. I implore those who are not believing yet to hold onto the extended hand of God and come to Jesus Christ in repentance while there is an opportunity.

We are living in the end-times era. The last seven years of tribulation prophesied by the prophet Daniel have not begun yet. However, there are numerous signs that this period of tribulation will begin in a near future. The ongoing Ukraine War is one such sign. As a result of this war, the world is being divided into the western block, consisting of the U.S. and the western European nations, and the rest of the world, which includes Russia, China, India, Indonesia, the Middle East, Argentina, and other nations that take side with Russia. This realignment of the world into the two blocs will form a background in global politics as we progress toward the end-times when numerous natural and divine calamities, as well as the tribulations generated by the dictatorial world government of the antichrist, will unfold and impact the human life significantly. I am watching how the events of the world progress and will share my views on their implications with you.

During Noah's era, most of humanity was evil in God's sight and did many things against God's will that grieved God's heart. God gave them holy men as their leaders, such as Enoch, to teach them and direct their steps. However, the ungodly world was going downhill into the depths of depravity and evil. Consequently, God set 120 years as the limited time of His mercy, at the end of which He would destroy the entire world with a global flood unless they repent. God commanded Noah and his grandfather, Methuselah, to preach the message of mercy and salvation during the 120 years.

*[Genesis 6:3] And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive[a] with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.*

People ignored or despised the message which Methuselah and Noah preached diligently. As Lord Jesus described, they were intent on "eating, drinking, marrying, and getting married," the usual affairs of the living, but regarded God's message of coming total worldwide destruction as just a scare tactic of God.

As God's time of mercy was nearing its end, God commanded Noah to build a large ship, called an ark because of its rectangular shape, as the vessel of salvation. If you go to Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, you will see a life-size replica of Noah's ark. This immense structure shows how Noah's family and the animals must have been accommodated and the various instructional systems designed to teach us about the flood story. I encourage you to take the time and visit this marvelous site.

As Noah and his family were building the ark, the people must have been watching their dedicated work. Perhaps some of them were hired to do the ship-building work. The Book of Jasher tells us that the ark was completed in five years, from Noah's 595<sup>th</sup> year to his 600<sup>th</sup> year. How could they build this large vessel with woods in such a relatively short period? The various ancient pyramids of Egypt, South America, and Antarctica show that the technological level of the pre-flood world was much more advanced than we think. People must have watched how Noah's family brought and stored the necessities for their coming flood voyage in the now completed ark. Then the pairs of all animals came in an orderly fashion as God commanded them and Noah directed them into

their allotted living quarters within the ark. This must have been a highly unusual sight to the people who were watching the entire procession with amazement. Yet, they did not accept God's message of mercy and salvation. Since there had not been any rainfall before the flood, they did not believe God's warning of global destruction through a flood. No one asked to come aboard the ark. And finally, God closed the entrance ramp of the ark from the outside. Then, the water started to come down as the moisture covering the earth parted and the underground waters shot up violently as the earth's crust ruptured in many places. Noah and his family of eight people only were saved from this great flood. We are all descendants of this wise, godly family who obeyed God.

Jesus Christ is telling us even today – the world before the end-times will be like the world before the great flood of Noah's era. People will be intent on pursuing riches, enjoying the pleasures of life, and ignoring God's message of coming destruction and salvation. He is saying, "God's mercy is yet with you!" That is exactly the picture of the world before the flood. The historicity of Noah's flood is evident when you visit Grand Canyon and observe the hundreds of exposed geological strata around the world. Yet, most geologists interpret this clear evidence in false ways and deceive the people, thus opposing God.

The end-times is with us. The cabals, the super-rich Satan-serving power group of the world, have driven the entire world into panic and fear through the artificially created pandemic of COVID. They will create and spread a succession of other pandemics. Furthermore, they will scare the people into panic using the dread of a global nuclear war. Their goal is clear – to dissolve the national governments and drive the world into a one-world government to be governed by the antichrist, who will soon appear. Many godly warriors of God are fighting valiantly against this evil cohort of Satan. However, the cabal group's power in global politics, economy, technology, agriculture, and resources continues to increase so that the power of Satan will dominate the world in due time. Many people will suffer and die through natural calamities and disasters as the world tumbles toward the last period of the Great Tribulation.

However, now is a time of God's mercy. I strongly encourage all of you to take hold of God's extended hand of mercy and be saved from the coming destruction by coming aboard the ark of salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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