

As in the days of Noah...

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."
(Matt 24:37)

While studying Genesis 6-9 recently, I was thinking of this verse in Matthew. When I began to study the account of Noah in the light of end times, I struck a treasure pot of riches. Let's take a look at this together.

Before the Flood

1. Enoch translated

Enoch was a faithful prophet, who prophesied of the end times and was translated at age 365, so that he did not see death. This was 669 years before the flood occurred. Is he a picture of those who never see death, but are translated instead?

(Jude 1:14-15 KJV) " And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, {15} To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

(Gen 5:21-24 KJV) "And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: {22} And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: {23} And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: {24} And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

(Heb 11:5 KJV) "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Those taken at His coming:

(Mat 24:37-42 KJV) "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. {38} For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, {39} And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. {40} Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. {41} Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. {42} Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

(1 Cor 15:51-53 KJV) "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, {52} In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. {53} For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

2. Methuselah, a long life/ the longsuffering of God forestalling His wrath

Methuselah was Enoch's son. His name meant, "at his death it shall be" or "his death shall bring." This was literally the case, because the flood began the very year he died.

Gen 5:25- Methuselah lived- **187** years and begat Lamech
 Gen 5:28- Lamech lived----- **182** years and begat Noah
 Gen. 7:11-Noah was -----+**600** years at time flood began
969 years-Methuselah's death

God allowed many years pass before executing His judgment. In fact, Methuselah is the longest living person recorded in the Bible. This corresponds to the end times in that:

(Rom 9:22-23 KJV) "What if God, willing to show *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: {23} And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,"

Parallel Events of Flood and Period of the Book of the Revelation

1. Both periods involve widespread wickedness and pollution of mankind by the evil seed.

Noah's time:

(Gen 6:4-5 KJV) "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. {5} 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."

End Time:

(Mat 13:38-40 KJV) "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; {39} The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. {40} As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."

(2 Th 2:3 KJV) "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

(2 Tim 3:1-4 KJV) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. {2} For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, {4} Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

(2 Tim 3:13 KJV) "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

2. Polarization of mankind occurs in both time periods. People seem to completely fall in one camp or the other with no fence-riders.

Noah's Time:

(Gen 6:5-9 KJV) "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. {6} And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. {7} And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repented me that I have made them. {8} But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. {9} These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

End Time:

(Rev 13:3 KJV) "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

(Rev 16:6 KJV) "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

(Rev 16:11 KJV) "And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."

(Rev 3:4 KJV) "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy."

(Rev 14:1 KJV) "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

(Rev 20:4 KJV) "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

3. Noah is saved in an ark covered with pitch, whereas now and in that future Day, believers are carried safely through in Christ. In Noah's day and in the end, Christ is both Savior and Judge.

Noah and his family were spared inside an ark covered with pitch. The Hebrew word for pitch is "kopher" which is the word repeatedly used for atonement later in the Old Testament. The pitch insulated the ark from the floodwaters of judgment. The LORD (Jehovah) shut the door on Noah's ark. In so doing, He saved Noah but at the same time condemned all the ungodly outside the ark.

The other ark in the Bible is the Ark of the Covenant. It was sprinkled yearly with the blood offered on the Day of Atonement. That ark was itself a picture of the work and

person of Christ. Together, both arks represent safety in Christ because of His atoning work. Throughout the ages and in the last days, believers' lives are hid with Christ in God. In the final days of God's judgment, Christ triumphantly delivers and protects His faithful overcomers, even if they suffer death at the hands of the wicked in the short term. But just as in the days of Noah, He will invoke His unmitigated wrath on the rest of mankind alive at that time. He is both Savior and Judge.

Noah's Time:

(Gen 6:13-14 KJV) "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. *{14} Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.*"

(Gen 7:4 KJV) "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth."

(Gen 7:16 KJV) "And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."

Now and always for believers:

(Col 3:3 KJV) "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

End Time:

Savior:

(1 Th 5:9 KJV) "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"

(Rev 12:11 KJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Judge:

(Rev 6:16 KJV) "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:"

(Rev 14:9-11 KJV) "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, *{10} The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation;* and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: *{11} And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*"

(Rev 16:5-6 KJV) "And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. *{6} For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.*"

4. Noah was faithful; the overcomers are faithful.

Noah:

(Gen 6:8 KJV) "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."

(Gen 6:22 KJV) "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

(Heb 11:7 KJV) "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Overcomers:

(Rev 12:11 KJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

(Rev 20:4 KJV) "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

5. In both times, the judgments involve the earth itself and all life on earth in some way.

Noah:

(Gen 7:18-19 KJV) "And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. {19} And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered."

(Gen 7:21-23 KJV) "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: {22} All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. {23} And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that were with him in the ark."

End Time:

(Rev 8:7-10 KJV) "The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. {8} And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; {9} And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. {10} And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;"

(Rev 16:1 KJV) "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

(Rev 16:3-4 KJV) "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea. {4} And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood."

(Rev 16:18 KJV) "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great."

6. The Abyss occurs in both accounts.

As we have seen in other studies, the abyss or the depths of the sea are closely associated with the evil one, and judgment upon him.

Noah:

(Gen 7:11 KJV) "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened."

Notice also that the judgment commences in the 600th year of Noah's life. Does this point to the close of the 6th millennium as well? Also, it is the fountains of the great deep that are opened in judgment. The word for deep in the Septuagint is "abussos" or abyss. Now, look at the both the evil and judgments involving the "abussos" or bottomless pit in Revelation.

End Time:

(Rev 9:1-2 KJV) "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. /2/ And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."

(Rev 9:11 KJV) "And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon."

(Rev 11:7 KJV) "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."

(Rev 17:8 KJV) "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

(Rev 20:1 KJV) "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand."

(Rev 20:3 KJV) "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

7. Noah's name means rest or comfort, and all flood dates except one are Sabbaths. The Sabbath, as the day of rest, has tremendous end time significance. The number seven is also the overwhelmingly distinctive number of the Book of the Revelation.

According to Bullinger in *The Companion Bible*, every day but one mentioned in the account of the flood is a Sabbath, and Noah's name means rest. Moreover, notice that as soon as the 600th year of Noah's life is over and the next year begins, the waters are

dried from the earth. If the 600th year corresponds to the end of the 6th Millennium, then as soon as it is over and the 7th begins, the judgment is over and the “rest” begins. Again, we see a tight correlation between events of Noah and the time of the end.

(Gen 8:13) “And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.”

Significance of the Sabbath:

If a day is like a thousand years in the sight of the Lord, then that explains the significance of God *resting* (Hebrew of Gen 2:3: “shabath”-sabbath) on the 7th day. This would correspond to the 7th Millennium, and the 8th Millennium would mark the creation of a new heaven and new earth. There are sound Scriptural reasons to expect whatever marks the beginning of the 7th millennium to coincide with Christ’s return, in which all believers’ hopes are realized. His return ushers in every calling, including specific promises made to Israel as a nation.

Observing the Sabbath day each week was a law specifically given to the people of Israel for typical reasons.

(Exo 31:16-17 KJV) “Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. /17/ It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.”

Israel’s hope of restoration is intimately tied to the significance of the Sabbath of the ages, the 7th Millennium. Seven is stamped all over Israel’s history and festival year. A few brief examples include that their festival year is 7 months long, and there are 7 weeks from Passover to Pentecost. The Jubilee commences after 7 times 7 years, and there are 7 Sabbaths in the Jubilee. The great prophecy of Daniel 9 is 70 times 7 years. Correspondingly, the book of the Revelation is overwhelmingly Jewish in its tone, and it has 7 churches and 7 angels with 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 vials. Moreover, I wonder if the reason that Christ performed many of his healing miracles on individual Jews on Sabbath days was to foreshadow that He would heal their nation and restore them as a people at the beginning of the 7th Millennium.

Further evidence of the significance of the 7th Millennium as being that 1,000-year reign of Christ includes the following Scriptures:

(Psa 8:1-2 KJV) “To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. {2} Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still (Hebrew: “shabath”-sabbath) the enemy and the avenger.”

Satan is stilled, literally forced to keep a thousand year Sabbath during the thousand-year reign of Christ.

(Rev 20:2-3 KJV) “And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, {3} And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

(Rev 20:7 KJV) "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,"

The seventh Millennium is the “rest” for the people of God.

(Heb 4:9-11 KJV) "There remaineth therefore a rest (Greek: “sabbatismos”-Sabbath keeping) to the people of God. {10} For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. {11} Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

8. Noah is a picture of resurrection, even as believers enjoy blessed resurrection at the Second Coming.

Noah:

Noah is called the eighth person from Adam, and God saved 8 people in the flood. Moreover, as you may know, Hebrew and Greek letter characters also have a numerical value. Welch points out, that in Hebrew, Noah (58)+ Japheth (490)+ Shem (340)= 888, which is also the number of the name of Jesus in Greek (888). Eight is the number of resurrection. Noah and his family are brought out of the ark as a type of resurrection. Ham is excluded in the previous equation, because he is the father as the Canaanites through his evil act in Gen. 9:22-26. In fact, Ham (606)+ Noah (58)= 666. As you well know, this is the mark of the beast in Revelation 13:18.

(1 Pet 3:19-20 KJV) "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; {20} Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

(2 Pet 2:4-5 KJV) "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; {5} And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"

Note here that Noah is not the eighth descendent from Adam, for Enoch was the seventh, but he is called the eighth for typical reasons. Additionally, there is another exciting resurrection type hidden in his story.

(Gen 8:4 KJV) "And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat."

Remember that in Israel's calendar year, Passover occurs in the seventh month (called Abib or Nissan) on the fourteenth day. What occurred literally 3 days later after that *true* Passover 2,000 years ago, on the seventeenth day of that month? The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, of course! Again, Noah foreshadows resurrection.

Resurrection for believers at His coming:

(1 Cor 15:51-52 KJV) "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, {52} In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump:** for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

(1 Th 4:16-18 KJV) "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {17} Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. {18} Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (Remember, Noah's name also means comfort.)

(Rev 20:6 KJV) "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

9. The dove's return with an olive leaf is also a type of the restoration of Israel at the Lord's return.

Noah:

(Gen 8:9-13 KJV) "But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. {10} And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; {11} And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. {12} And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. {13} And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry."

Remember that the dove, unlike the raven sent out earlier, was a clean bird according to the Law of Moses and was suitable for sacrifice. Later, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descended on Christ at the time of His baptism. (Luke 3:22) Also, see the emphasis on seven in these verses, which is closely tied to Israel, as we mentioned before. Now, notice that the dove brings back an *olive* leaf. The olive tree is continually used to represent the nation of Israel. (See Rom. 11:17, Exo. 27:20, Judg. 9:8-9, Jer. 11:16, Hos. 14:5-6, Zech. 4:12-14, Rev. 4:4). Does this event with Noah signify the fact that the *Holy Spirit* will someday open the eyes of that nation when they see that *true Sacrifice* of God coming in great glory? As the olive branch was brought back to Noah, so Israel will be brought back, and the times of refreshing will come.

(Zec 12:10 KJV) "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

(Zec 13:1 KJV) "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

(Acts 3:19 KJV) "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"

Finally, there is that reference in Gen 8:12 to the first month, the first day of the month when the waters of judgment were finally dried from the earth. There are six major events associated with this date. Here, the waters are dried on this day. Also on this date,

Moses set up the first tabernacle in the wilderness (Exo. 40:2), the temple was sanctified in Hezekiah's day (2 Chron. 29:17), Ezra began to go up to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (Ezra 7:9), the priests gave up their strange wives (Ezra 10:17). Finally and perhaps most significantly, the bullock will be offered on this day to cleanse the future temple of Ezekial after the return of the Lord. (Ezek. 45:18). Surely, the significance of this concerning the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests is hard to miss.

To Summarize:

The story surrounding Noah seems to be teeming with foreshadowing significance of end time events. Just as in the extended life of Methuselah, God is forestalling His wrath until the “iniquity of the Amorites is full.” Some like Enoch will never see death, but will be translated before His wrath ensues. Some like faithful Noah will be delivered safely through. Parallels between the flood period and the end times include the following:

1. Both periods involve widespread wickedness and pollution of mankind by the evil seed.
2. Polarization of mankind occurs in both time periods. People seem to completely fall in one camp or the other with no fence-riders.
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