

# Fresh Oil Releases

## As in the Days of Noah

Greetings in the Name that is a strong tower to which the righteous can run!

I would like to share some thoughts that I have been pondering concerning the unfolding of events in the days that lie ahead. The phrase 'as it was in the days of Noah' has been doing circuits in my head and the Holy Spirit began to make previously unrecognized connections with other scriptures, which brought a fresh understanding. Jesus said :

*Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. Mat 24:38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. Mat 24:39 And they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

The general population was busy with their lives in the days before God's judgment hit but Noah was busy carrying out the preparations and instructions of the Lord. His life was set apart for God.

*Gen 6:9 ... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

He had a deep relationship with God. The word 'perfect' comes from a root meaning 'to have completely crossed over'. Noah was totally surrendered to God. Peter calls him a 'preacher of righteousness'. Because he had this close relationship with the Father, he was not appointed for judgment but for salvation. God instructed him in advance in order for him to be fully prepared spiritually and practically when the flood came. The jeers and mocking of the sinners who surrounded him as he painstakingly built the ark, did not deter him or shift his focus. He pressed on in the face of persecution and loneliness to fulfill what God his friend had told him to do. He was working according to Heaven's blueprints, not the newspapers of earth.

When God's appointed day for the unleashing of judgment came, Noah was instructed to get into the ark with his family and then God shut the door. This an important point because the building of the ark represents the building of a solid unsinkable relationship with Christ. The ark was covered within and without with 'pitch'. This word means 'redemption price'. When Noah entered into the ark and God shut the door, he and his family were entering fully into Christ and the redemption purchased by the Blood for all who are faithful and set-apart for God. It was a place of complete safety. No matter what went on outside the ark, Noah and his family were safe. Noah means 'rest'. On that day when the rains began, Noah ceased his labors and entered into rest. From that point on, his part in preparing for this day had been done and he could rest and trust God with their lives.

Beloved, those of us who walk with God have been building our intimate relationship with Him and preparing as He has instructed us, knowing that God's judgment upon an unrighteous world is drawing nearer and nearer. 'As it was in the days of Noah', so today the world carries on eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. The warnings of Christians are jeered at and ridiculed and our set-apart lives are a source of amusement; yet we have pressed on undeterred. We are working in unison with the blueprints of Heaven, not the weather forecasts of earth. In Noah's time, a deluge from above and below

at once was unheard of. His preparations seemed way out of proportion with the weather of the known world. Yet he was fully obedient and God revealed to him what was coming upon the earth.

Beloved, be encouraged that your sanctification and surrender to the Lord have been noted. What a joy it is to be amongst those counted worthy to escape the things coming upon the earth and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man. In Malachi 3 God mentions that a book of Remembrance is kept:

*Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.*

Just as Noah was spared because he walked with God and served him in the midst of a godless generation, so too in this day God will spare and protect those who fear Him. The list of names of those who are passengers of the Ark of His Presence in this day are written in the Book of Remembrance. They shall be brought forth and displayed as His jewels, coming forth from the ark of His presence after the abating of the judgments appointed. The ark was a storehouse for God's jewels. The word 'storehouse' means 'armory, treasury, depository'. God's wealth, His set-apart ones, were within that ark!

Noah and his family belonged to God and were set-apart for Him. They represented a tithe of the people of the earth, holy and belonging to God. They were brought into the ark which was a storehouse containing God's righteous remnant.

*Mal 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

When Noah and family (the whole tithe) entered the storehouse, the door was shut and the windows of heaven were opened! This was a blessing for Noah because the rising water lifted him above the sin-filled city where he had lived and carried him away unharmed to Mount Ararat where the ark came to rest. 'Ararat' means 'the curse reversed'. When the whole tithe is brought into the storehouse the devourer is rebuked, the curse is reversed. That which brings death and destruction to those living in wickedness actually brings salvation and a new beginning to those set-apart for God.

When Jesus was teaching about the end-times in Matthew 24, He said:

*Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Mat 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

There have been numerous doctrines put forth about who goes and who stays, but the key is that it will be as in the days of Noah. The word translated 'taken' here actually means 'to receive near, that is to associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate act or relation); by analogy to assume an office'. Noah was taken near, into the ark covered with pitch, into the Sabbath rest when he ceased from his own labors and rested in the redemption price of the Blood. The ark became a storehouse full of God's treasure, God's genetic material for a new beginning free from wickedness - in effect the ark contained the holy seed, the remnant that would be released to be fruitful and multiply after the effects of the

judgment had subsided.

Jesus continued his discourse about the end-times by speaking of two types of servant that would exist at this time; firstly the faithful servant:

*Mat 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Mat 24:46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing. Mat 24:47 I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*

Do you remember that in Malachi 3, when the tithe is brought into the storehouse, there is meat in the house? Noah was a faithful and wise servant who preached righteousness and warned of the judgment to come. When the set-apart servant of God entered the storehouse of Sabbath-rest, the revelation of Christ which he carried within himself, ensured there was meat in the house of God. He was not striving or panicking as the judgments of God played out. He was hidden in the secret place of the Most High as he witnessed the reward of the wicked:

*Psa 91:5 You shall not fear the terror by night; nor because of the arrow that flies by day; Psa 91:6 nor for the plague that walks in darkness, of the destruction laying waste at noonday. Psa 91:7 A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. Psa 91:8 Only with your eyes you shall look and see the reward of the wicked.*

Beloved, if you have been living a life of obedience, holy and set-apart for God, when the judgments of God begin to unfold in the earth, you shall be 'taken' - not to heaven, but lifted above and carried in safety, hidden in Christ. God also granted Noah meat to eat:

*Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

When God spoke to Adam concerning food, he was given plants to eat but the new beginning instituted after the flood was a chapter of meat-eating for God's servants! Since the tithe had been brought into the storehouse there would now be meat in God's house! Jesus said that His flesh was real meat:

*Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Joh 6:56 He that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in me, and I in him.*

He also said:

*Joh 6:27 Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*

There is a revelation of Christ that those who have entered into rest receive, which is true food to nourish the Body. Those who were eating and drinking before the flood were laboring for meat that perishes. They were not pressing in and seeking the revelation of Christ. Therefore they were unprepared when the judgments unfolded.

The second kind of servant Jesus described is this:

*Mat 24:48 But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delays His coming, Mat 24:49 and shall begin to strike his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, Mat 24:50 the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he does not look for Him, and in an hour which he does not know. Mat 24:51 And He shall cut him apart and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

This servant has begun to live in compromise, taking on the ways of the world. When the judgments unfold, he is appointed to be affected by them. He is not lifted above to a place of safety and the judgment will deal with 'all flesh' in him.

In effect, the unleashing of the flood waters brought a demarcation line between those who were truly servants of God and those who were not. The opening of the windows of heaven brought blessing to Noah in a time of destruction for many:

*Mal 3:18 Then you shall again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God, and him who does not serve Him.*

*Isa 66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem. Isa 66:14 And you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will flourish like the grass. And the hand of the Lord will be known toward His servants, and His fury against His enemies.*

Do you remember the word 'taken' also means 'to assume an office' and how Jesus said the faithful and wise servant would be made ruler over all His goods? Noah was given authority to take dominion and rule as he walked out his new beginning. Before the flood he had been lost in the crowd but there came a time of lifting up, a time of elevation to a new place of authority and responsibility.

*Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. Mal 4:2 But to you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and frisk as calves let free from the stall. Mal 4:3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the LORD of hosts.*

When John received the Revelation of Christ, there was a message for seven different churches. Seven is the number of completion or wholeness. So within these seven messages to the churches is a message for the WHOLE church of today. It is the message to the church at Philadelphia which the Holy Spirit has been revealing to me in the past days. This could be a message to Noah himself and is also for the Noah's of today:

*Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts; and shuts and no one opens, says these things*

God was the one who shut the door to the ark and who opened up a new beginning for Noah that no-one was able to prevent.

*Rev 3:8 I know your works. Behold, I have given before you an open door, and no one can shut it. For you have a little strength and have kept My Word and have not denied My name.*

Noah had kept and obeyed God's Word to him. He had remained faithful when others mocked and reviled him even though he at times felt weak and worn out.

*Rev 3:9 Behold, I give out of those of the synagogue of Satan, those saying themselves to be Jews and are not, but lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.*

There are those who claim to be believers but who are really tools in the hand of the enemy, but in the coming days will acknowledge those God loves. There will be a clear dividing line between the true servants of God and the false.

*Rev 3:10 Because you have kept the Word of My patience (ENDURANCE), I also will keep you from the hour of temptation which will come upon all the habitable world, to try those who dwell upon the earth.*

For those who have endured during the hard testing times they have passed through, there is a promise of safety in what is coming upon the whole world. However, the Spirit also has a warning:

*Rev 3:11 Behold, I come soon. Hold fast to that which you have, so that no one may take your crown.*

Jesus also warned that there was the possibility of being robbed during the waiting time:

*Mat 24:42 "Therefore, keep watching! Because you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. 24:43 "But know this, if the home owner had known in what watch [of the night] the thief is coming, he would have kept watch and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.*

So, Beloved, let us keep watch and strive to enter fully into that rest that Paul spoke of to the Hebrews. Our salvation lies in nothing other than the blood of Christ so let us not turn back to the filthy rags of our own self-righteousness or the doctrines of men. Let us cast all our weight and trust upon Him who cares for us and press in to the place of intimacy, crossing over completely and not leaning upon the wobbly staff of our own understanding. Hold fast to the truth and do not allow your beliefs to be undermined. Do not be deceived by the doctrines of another Jesus. The only ark we must build and enter is the ark covered by the pitch within and without, the ark made of the wood of the cross. This is the only door we must enter as we approach the time of unfolding judgments.

*Joh 10:7 Then Jesus said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. Joh 10:8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. Joh 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters in by Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. Joh 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come o that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

The day Noah entered the ark is mentioned in Genesis:

*Gen 7:11 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.*

Those who have understanding of the times know what they need to do, just like Noah. What is about to be unleashed is a blessing in disguise for those who fear the Lord. It will serve the purpose of carrying them to their appointed new beginnings and time of fruitfulness.

Selah.

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