

Series: Our Hope in Christ

Title: The Blessed Hope - His Glorious Appearing

Text: (Titus 2:11-14)

Last Week: Christ in you, the Hope of Glory! - (Col 1:27)

Christ came in Fulfillment of Divine Plan: (Titus 2:11,14)

Substitutionary Atonement!

Christ came in Fulfillment of Divine Promise:

(Gen 3:15) Seed of a Women.

(Gen 12:1-3) Offspring of Abraham.

(Ps 89:35-37) House & Lineage of David (Is 11:1,10)

Christ came in Fulfillment of Divine Prophecy:

The Christmas Prophecies

(Is 7:14) *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

(Is 9:6) *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

Christ came in Fulfillment of Divine Program:

1st Phase: He Came That Dead Men May Live:

(Eph 2:1) Quickened who were dead in trespasses & sins.

(John 3:16) (1 Peter 1:18-19)

(1 John 4:9-10) *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

He Bore Our Sins on the Cross:

(1 Peter 2:24) *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

2nd Phase of the of Divine Program: Our Resurrection

(John 6:38-40) *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, **but should raise it up again at the last day.** 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and **I will raise him up at the last day.***

This will be fulfilled at the Return of Christ: (Titus 2:13)

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

This is our Blessed Hope - His Glorious Appearing!

Phase 1 of God's Divine Program was accomplished in 33AD on the cross of Calvary & the Garden Tomb.

(Rom 1:16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.*

BUT, What about Phase 2?

Our Blessed Hope - His Glorious Appearing! (Titus 2:13)

It would be Sinful & Blasphemous to declare a date!

(Matt 24:36) *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

Jesus did give us insight into what the world would be like when he returned.

(Matt 24:37) **But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

The Condition of World at the Return of Christ will be like it was in the Days of Noah.

Vs 38-39 is an explanation of those Days

*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 Noe 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.***

2 Commuters were riding on the Metro, when the 1st turned from his newspaper and asked the 2nd person,
Do you know what are the 2 biggest Problems in the World?
2nd Commuter said, *“I don’t know and I don’t care.”*
The first man said, *“Congratulations! You have them both.”*
Ignorance & Indifference

We were dare not be ignorant or indifference of
The 2nd Coming of Christ and the End of this Age

The Apostles Asked Jesus of these things:
(Matt 24:3b) Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

As I said: It is wrong to try and set a date, but we can know what those days will be like.

A Time of Indifference toward God, & His Return:

Vs 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 Noe entered into the ark,

A Time of Ignorance of God’s Wrath to Come

Vs 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

(Gen 4,5,6) to see what the Days of Noah were like.

7 Signs of the Days of Noah -

1. Days of Secular Philosophy (Gen 6:5) *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.*

Man, who was expelled from paradise endeavored to build his own Socially Engineered paradise.

Imagination ~ same hebrew root as *to fashion*.
Trying to Mold Society by wicked philosophies.
Me First, Above all others.

Get all you can, can all you get, and sit on the lid!

We see this today!

Secularism has taken over the Arts, Sciences, Education, and Society.

No Wonder the world hates us, all we export is Hollywood, Porn, Cigarettes, and Beverage Alcohol.

There is no Sense of Community, no value in others, accept what we can get from them.

There is Only 1 type of bigotry is allowed today.

Bigotry against the Bible Believing Christian.
The Bible Believing Christian is the Whipping boy of modern society.

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2. Days of Scientific Progress:

Ancient Man was not Animal like or Un-Intelligent.

They were men of **Renown** with prodigious minds.

(Gen 6:4) *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.*
(Nephalim~Hebrew)

They had Great Cities: (Gen 4:17) Not just villages but metroplexes.

They had an Industrial Revolution:

Man, who was expelled from paradise endeavors to build his own Technological paradise.

People think that ancient man was unintelligent.

Working with Wooden & Stone tools.

They reached a zenith of scientific discovery In Metallurgy.
(Gen 4:22) *And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron:*

They lived between 600 and 900 years.

You probable would get really good at your job by then.

(Slide of the Artifacts found in lumps of Coal)

BELL: Mr. Newton Anderson found this bell inside a lump of coal in 1944. He still has the bell. Bridgeport, WV

Cast Iron pot: found inside a lump of coal in 1912 at the Municipal Electric Plant in Thomas, OK.

4 1/2 inch high zinc and silver vessel found in solid rock “over 600 million year old” in Dorchester, Mass. in 1851.

The Ark of Noah was an Engineering Marvel.

450 ft long, 150 ft wide, 45 foot high

It was made to withstand the worst storm ever seen.

The Days of Noah were days of Technological Advancement Very Similar to today.

In the last 100 years we saw awesome advancement:

2 World Wars & countless Regional wars, & skirmishes.

Plowing by animal to mechanized farming.

Air Travel, Space Travel, Deep Sea Exploration.

We have landed men on the moon, Rovers on Mars,

Exploration Craft have left our solar system.

We have seen so much in our lifetime, that we have lost our ability to be amazed.

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3. They had Social Plagues: (Gen 6:11-13)

A Day of Great Violence. (Gen 4:23) Murder

He was so full of hate, he killed a man & got wounded in the process.

A Day when the society was unraveling.

A day of rampant divorce.

(Gen 6:1-2) “*they took them wives of all which they chose*”

Lamech introduced Polygamy. (Gen 4:19)

Today: We were told to stop preaching on sexual promiscuity, but sex crimes are an epidemic.

We were told to stop preaching personal integrity and responsibility, but now we don't have the room to warehouse the incarcerated.

(Rom 1:28-32) We have raised a generation that was taught they were descended from apes, and then we are surprised when they act like animals.

Peter Singer, the founding Philosopher of the Animal rights movements, professor of Bio-ethics at Princeton University. *“no newborn should be considered a person until 30 days after birth and that the attending physician should kill some disabled babies on the spot.”*

“Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Sometimes it is not wrong at all.”

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4. Days of Sexual Perversion: (Gen 6:5) *every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

(Luke 17:26-30) Vs 28* Jesus links the days of Noah to the days of Lot.

Sodomy is named after the sin of Sodom.

(Lev 20:13) Gives God's mind and heart about it.

(Rom 1:26-27) “unseemly” Receiving, “Meet”

The judgement is build in to these sins.

No matter how social accepted they become, the pain, sorrow, & destruction is build in.

Today: As a Nation, we no longer can blush at things we see. ***As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.***

5. Days of Selfish Prosperity: (Matt 24:36-38a) *“they were eating & drinking”*
(Ezek 16:49-50) ***They were proud. Sin that used to skulk in the shadows, now struts down main street.***

Fulness of Bread: “Surely God MUST be smiling upon us?”
Abundance of Idleness: No Responsibilities, No Expectations.

Today: We still enjoy the largest economy where 70% of the world just wants a handful of rice.

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6. Days of Solemn Preaching: (Gen 6:13)

Before God sends Judgement, God sends a warning.

(2 Pet 2:5) *a preacher of righteousness.*

Noah preached with the sound of God' wrath in the Foreground and the Ring of hammers in the background.

A near contemporary of Noah was Enoch. (Jude 14-19)

Today: ***Many pulpits have gone silent on the Word.***

Churches Spend 45 min on Worship & 15 min on Chicken soup for the soul message.

Worship is the Appetizer, not the main course.

(Rom 10:17)

(1 Cor 1:18) *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

(1 Cor 1:21) *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Study Jesus' Ministry.
When he had church, it was nothing like today!
Proclaiming God's Word was the majority of it.

Today: Many pulpits have gone silent on Sin & Right Living "I don't like going to a church where I feel bad about myself." Then Get Right with God!

(Matt 24:37-39) ***But as the days of Noe 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 Noe 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.*

7. Days of Sudden Panic: (Gen 7:17) (Matt 24:38-39)

I don't know how that day began.

Maybe it was sunny, maybe the wind started to pickup.

God had shut Noah IN, and Shut the Water & Scoffers Out.

As the Water arose, the people headed to higher ground.
God lifted the Ark on top of the waves, as the people continued to climb higher.

There is an Ark of safety for you too.

His name is Jesus. The Ark is a Picture of Salvation IN Christ.

(Gen 6:5-6,12) God has called their SIN!

(Gen 6:7) God pronounces Judgement!

(Gen 6:8, 18) God offers Grace!

(Gen 6:22) Obedience Made the Difference between Eternal Salvation & Eternal Damnation.

I don't know if I can give up my sin.

When Noah went into the ark, he gave up all he had, but when he exited the ark, ***he had inherited the earth.***

I don't want my friends to forsake me.

Noah went into the ark a minority, when he came out he was the majority.

Christians: Our Blessed Hope-His Glorious Appearing

We are not to try and set a date, but we are commanded to watch! (Matt 24:42) *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come*

We Dare not Be Ignorant/Indifferent about the Lord's Coming
We are Closer now than we have ever been to the return.
Are You Ready for the Lord's Return? Is This Your Hope?

(Rom 13:11-14) - It pays to serve Jesus.

(Matt 26:37) ***But As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.***