

THE LIFE AND WORK THAT CHANGED THE AGE

Message Three

**The Days of Noah and the Days of Lot being
A Prefigure of the Present Age**

Scripture reading: Matt. 24:27, 37-39, 42-43; 1 Thes. 4:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 19:7-9; Gen. 6:5, 11-13; Luke 17:26-32; Matt. 19:4-6; Ezek. 16:49-50

I. The coming of the Son of Man—Matt. 24:37-39:

- A. The Greek word rendered “coming” is *parousia*, which means presence; Christ's coming will be His presence in two aspects—v. 37:
 - 1. His *parousia* has a secret aspect which is toward His watchful believers—24:43.
 - 2. The open aspect of His *parousia* is toward the unbelieving Jews and Gentiles—24:27.
- B. The Lord's *parousia* will begin with His coming to the air and will continue until His physical coming to the earth; within His *parousia*, there will be the rapture of the majority of the believers to the air, the judgment seat of Christ, and the marriage of the Lamb—1 Thes. 4:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 19:7-9.

II. The Lord's coming (*parousia*) will be like the days of Noah; this indicates that when the Lord's *parousia* is about to come, the situation on the earth will be like the days of Noah—Gen. 6:5, 11-13, Matt. 24:37-39, 42; Luke 17:26-32:

- A. Satan caused the evil spirits, the fallen angels, to mingle with man and to join with man through illegal marriage—Gen. 6:1-4.
- B. The earth being corrupt before God and filled with violence—Gen. 6:11-13.
- C. The wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually—v. 5.
- D. The people being befuddled by eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage—eating, drinking and marriage were originally ordained by God for man's existence; but due to man's lust, Satan utilizes these necessities of human life to occupy man and keep him from God's purpose—Matt. 24:38; Luke 17:27.
- E. They did not know that judgment was coming—v. 39.
- F. “Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes”—Matt. 24:42.

III. The days also being as the days of Lot—Luke 17:28-32; cf. Gen. 19:1-29:

- A. The people were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building—Luke 17:28-32; cf. Ezek. 16:49-50.
- B. People being drugged and desensitized by their fleshly, worldly enjoyment; the same thing is happening in society today.
- C. These conditions of evil living portray the perilous condition of man's living before the Lord's coming—Luke 17:26, (see note 2).
- D. If we would participate in the overcomers' rapture to enjoy the Lord's *parousia* and escape the great tribulation, we must overcome the stupefying effect of man's living today.
- E. Remember Lot's wife—v. 32.