

A large wooden ark is under construction on a dirt field. The ark is made of many vertical wooden posts and horizontal beams, forming a long, rectangular structure with a curved roof. The construction is set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, there are stacks of logs and wooden planks, and a wooden fence. The overall scene is one of intense activity and preparation.

# AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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Why don't more Christians believe that Jesus is coming? Why do they scoff or mock biblical prophecies concerning the days in which we live? The scoffers that Peter spoke of at the End of Time or today, parallels that to the time of Noah.

## **Mock or Mockers defined:**

1. to attack or treat with ridicule, contempt, or derision.
2. to ridicule by mimicry of action or speech; mimic derisively.
3. to mimic, imitate, or counterfeit.
4. to challenge; defy:
5. to deceive, delude, or disappoint.

### **2 Peter 3:3-4 AMPC**

*3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires*

*4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.*

Everyone living in the days of Noah knew that Methuselah's name meant, "***When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent***" or "***At His Death, He Brings It Forth***". But, when he dies, the flood doesn't come that day or the next day and you can see why the mockers, scoffers, doubters, started laughing saying, "yeah right, we've been told for the last 10 generations (since Adam) that when Methuselah dies judgment by water was coming and nothing has happened."

I believe what happened is when Methuselah died, which was a sign prior to the flood but the flood didn't happen immediately after his death, it lulled everyone to sleep.

The ones who did not believe thought, "Noah spent 100 years of his life along with his children, wife, and with Methuselah building an ark and nothing happened - what a dummy." But God gave Noah seven days to mourn Methuselah's death and after that, then the flood waters came.

**Genesis 7:4, 10 KJV**

*4 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.*

*10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.*

They didn't believe, they were lulled to sleep.... *“And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”* (Matt 24:39)

**Matthew 24:33-39 AMPC**

33 So also **when you see these signs**, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

34 Truly I tell you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at the same time, in a definite, given period) will not pass away **till all these things taken together take place**.

35 Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

**37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

**39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

We know by reading the scriptures that at the ***Time of the End*** (judgment by fire) it will be just like it was at the ***Time of the Flood*** (judgement by water). With so much wickedness, not just at the time of Noah but now, why doesn't God just wipe out everything immediately and get it over with?

Why the seven day waiting period after the death of Methuselah, after the ark was complete, after the animals were on the ark, why wait if all the signs were fulfilled?

### **2 Peter 3:9 AMPC**

*9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, **not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.***

It is very possible and this is pointed out in Jewish history as well, that if the people at the time of Noah would've repented, God would have spared them just like the people in Nineveh. But, they refused to repent in the days of Noah.

### **Jonah 3:1-10 AMPC**

*1 And the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,*

*2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and **preach and cry out to it the preaching that I tell you.***

*3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh **according to the word of the Lord.** Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city of three days' journey [sixty miles in circumference].*

*4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, **and he cried, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!***

*5 **So the people of Nineveh believed in God and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth [in penitent mourning], from the greatest of them even to the least of them.***

**6 For word came to the king of Nineveh [of all that had happened to Jonah,** (Note: people believed that God judged Noah by putting him in the belly of a whale - they believed that God would punish so they repented) *and his terrifying message from God], and he arose from his throne and he laid his robe aside, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.*

*7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh, By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water.*

*8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and let them cry mightily to God. Yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.*

**9 Who can tell, God may turn and revoke His sentence against us [when we have met His terms],** and turn away from His fierce anger so that we perish not.

**10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way;** and God revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them].

But the people at the time of Noah refused to repent. God gave them time but when they did not, He had no other choice because He does not lie, what He says HE will do He will do.

### **Numbers 23:19 AMPC**

*19 God is not a man, that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. **Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?***

God had to send judgment, He said He would. If He says He will reward you, He will. If He said He will punish you, He will. But, God always gives time, He is gracious, because it is not His desire that any should perish. (2 Peter 3:9)

Just like in the book of Revelation, there was a story about a woman who had the spirit of Jezebel, it was a seducing spirit. She was doing and saying things that God didn't say.

### **Revelation 2:18-29 AMPC**

*18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:*

*19 I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.*

*20 **But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel (the spirit of),** who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is **teaching and leading astray my servants** and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.*

*21 **I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent** of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.*

*22 Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], **and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.***

**23 And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.**

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:

25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.

26 **And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations;**

27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father;

28 And I will give him the Morning Star.

29 **He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).**

God always goes to mercy before He goes to judgment. He allows time for change but when that time is up, it's over, there's no more time. Methuselah was a sign to change for 969 years and even after his death God allowed 7 more days for people to change and be obedient to Him. The year Methuselah died is the year the Flood came, God was not lying about judgment, it came after the death of Methuselah just like it was prophesied.

We have to be very careful when we talk about “signs” or “things” regarding the *Time of the End*. I can remember when people said that the forming of the E.U. was “the sign” of The End, Communism was “the sign” of The End, y2k was “the sign” of The End, war on terror was “the sign” of The End... these are indicators aligning prophecies, but not The End.

As a result of this, people start to set dates and others get more skeptical when the Rapture and The End (Judgment by fire) doesn't happen when falsely prophesied. These are birth pains but then nothing happens for awhile, then more birth pains and then a little less time between the next contraction, etc.

Don't be lulled to sleep by people saying next week it's over and it doesn't happen...we should always be speaking about the *Time of the End* because we are commanded to. But we can't listen to people setting dates because it will cause you and I to be callous and if we speak it, it will cause others to no longer believe and be deceived. But there will be a day (we know the season) God's Word will be fulfilled, the Rapture and Judgment will take place.

### **Lull or Lulled defined:**

1. to put to sleep or rest by soothing means:
2. to soothe or quiet.
3. to give or lead to feel a false sense of safety; cause to be less alert, aware, or watchful.  
verb (used without object)
4. a temporary calm, quiet, or stillness: (before the storm)
5. a soothing sound:
6. a pacified or **stupefied** condition:

Note: *Stupefied means*: to make (someone) unable to think or feel properly.



We need to understand what Jesus is telling us in Matthew 24...

**Matthew 24:6-8 KJV**

6 *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: **see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass**, but the end is not yet.*

7 *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

**8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

**Note: In the Greek, sorrows in verse 8 is translated: birth pains...**

**Matthew 24:6-8 AMPC**

6 *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; **see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place**, but the end is not yet.*

7 *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;*

**8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].**

In the period of time when birth pains occur, it is broken down into 3 trimesters. 1st...month one through three, 2nd...month four through six and 3rd...month seven through nine. The last month is always the worst, that is when the travail becomes the greatest and it also then, when the water breaks.

## Travail defined:

### Definition of Travail: noun

1. painfully difficult or burdensome work; toil.
2. pain, anguish or suffering resulting from mental or physical hardship.
3. the pain of childbirth.

### Definition of Travail: verb

1. to suffer the pangs of childbirth; be in labor.

### Synonyms for travail:

struggle, agony, anguish, tribulation, woe, childbirth, distress, labor, pains, pangs, stress, battle.

When the water breaks in the ninth month of a woman's pregnancy, you know that the child is about to be born. In the Bible, just like the breaking of water in the natural in the ninth month of a woman's labor, it is a sign that the baby or the promise is coming. Water, is always associated with the major spiritual transitions that God sends.

The signs of a transition are always travail: ***struggle, agony, anguish, tribulation, woe, distress, labor, pains, pangs, stress.*** There is always a ***battle or travail*** before the blessing and this is revealed all throughout God's word.

### *Micah 4:10 KJV*

***10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth. O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.***

**Psalm 48:6 KJV**

6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, **as of a woman in travail.**

**Jeremiah 6:24 KJV**

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, **as of a woman in travail.**

**Jeremiah 13:21 KJV**

21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: **shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?**

**Jeremiah 22:23 KJV**

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

**Jeremiah 30:6 KJV**

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, **as a woman in travail,** and all faces are turned into paleness?

**John 16:21 KJV**

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

## **How Water Is Connected With Major Transitions**

### **The Exodus - Exodus 15:4**

Israel Crossed The Red Sea

### **The Crossing Of The Jordan River - Joshua Chapter 4**

Joshua Crossed The Jordan River In Order To Get To The Promised Land

### **Elijah Crossed The Jordan River - 2 Kings 2:7-11**

Elijah Was Taken To Heaven

### **John The Baptist - Matthew 3:7**

Baptizing In The Jordan River For Remission Of Sins  
(this was the transition of the Law to the Kingdom)

### **Jesus Baptized In Water - Matthew 3:11**

Transferring Aaronic Priesthood To Melchizedek Priesthood  
(Jesus then would become the High Priest)

### **To Be Born Again - John 3:5**

Must Be Born Of Water And Of The Spirit

What does this have to do with us? Because, the name of Methuselah is connected to water and connected to the flood and the days of Noah are compared to the coming of Jesus Christ.

Also, because the prophecies of Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:17-18 predicts an outpouring of the Spirit.

**Joel 2:28-29 KJV**

28 And **it shall come to pass** afterward, that **I will pour out** my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants (men) and upon the handmaids (women) **in those days** will I pour out my spirit.

**Acts 2:17-18 KJV**

17 And **it shall come to pass in the last days**, saith God, **I will pour out** of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days** of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

James also said something about this. He said that in the ***Last Days*** that there is going to be water and that is the Holy Spirit.

**James 5:7-8 AMPC**

7 So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it **until it receives the early and late rains.**

8 So you also must be patient. Establish your hearts [strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty], for the coming of the Lord is very near.

**Then in the King James Version...**

**James 5:7-8 KJV**

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, **until he receive the early and latter rain.**

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

James writes that there is two rain periods. A ***former rain*** in which you plant the seed and the ***latter rain*** which produces the growth that leads into the harvest cycle. There is going to be a literal last day outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is compared to water.

**John 7:38 KJV**

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

**John 7:38 AMPC**

38 He who believes in Me **[who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me]** as the Scripture has said, **From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.**

**Isaiah 44:3 KJV**

3 For **I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:**

**Joel 2:28-29 KJV**

28...**I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh...

**Acts 2:17-18 KJV**

17...in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit** upon all flesh...

The idea of rain falling or being poured is compared to the Holy Spirit coming in these passages. In the days of Noah, there was rain that fell and the Holy Spirit is a part of this story as well.

**Genesis 8:8-12 KJV**

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 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 pluckt 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.

The dove was mentioned three times in this passage and in verse eleven the dove has an olive branch/leaf in its mouth which is symbolic. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River and after being raised from the water the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove.

**Matthew 3:16 KJV**

*16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove**, and lighting upon him:*

**Matthew 3:16 AMPC**

*16 And when Jesus was baptized, He went up at once out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John] saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove** and alighting on Him.*