

As in the Days of Noah

Have you heard the phrase “*as in the days of Noah*”? If you ask people, their responses might be “*I don't know*” or “*I don't care.*” This unfamiliarity or indifference is concerning, as there are specific topics we can’t afford to be ignorant or apathetic about. No one wants to be caught unprepared when Jesus raptures His church or when He returns at the second coming. **Matthew 24:37-38:** “*For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark.*” Jesus explained to His disciples what would occur at the end of the age. Using His title, “*Son of Man,*” as prophesied in **Daniel 7:13–14**, Jesus asserts His authority as the rightful King over all, stating that when the Son of Man returns, it will be similar to the days of Noah. During that time, people were living their everyday lives, totally unaware of the impending judgment until it struck, as highlighted in **Matthew 24:39:** “*... they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.*” Noah warned everyone who would listen. Like Noah’s time, our society ignores the Bible and has the same carefree attitude. Interestingly, so much wrongdoing occurs in our world, and few seem to care. We live in a time where secularism has taken over the arts, sciences, philosophy, and education in America and around the world. Our culture has widespread denial of the Bible and a lack of recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It appears that the only acceptable form of bigotry in today’s world is directed towards Christians. The world into which Noah was born grieved God, just as today’s world grieves Him. The Bible provides an account of the people of Noah’s time, and their behavior is relevant to us today. **Genesis 6:5:** “*Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*” People were driven by intense cravings that allowed their desires to overshadow any self-discipline. Our world today is increasingly filled with every kind of lurid evil, where every passion goes unrestrained and unchecked, corruption is rampant, and cruelty is relentless. We are living in a harsh, coarse, and violent world reminiscent of the one into which Noah was born. Despite cataclysmic warnings and predictions, people continue to live as they always have. Prioritization focuses on the present, making plans for the future to ensure personal comfort. No attention is given to the Biblical prophecies of the coming rapture, the tribulation period, or Jesus’ second coming. Everyone has the opportunity to avoid the impending judgment of the Lord; we have our ark of salvation in Jesus. If we go to Him and place our faith in Him, based on the authority of the Word of God, He will transform us and fill us with joy beyond words. **John 14:6:** *Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”* All that receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior will be saved.