

A large wooden ark is under construction on a sandy beach at sunset. The ark is made of dark wood and has a curved roof. In the foreground, there are stacks of logs and wooden planks. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative of the biblical story of Noah's Ark.

# AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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Tonight we begin our new series, “As In The Days Of Noah”. We are going to look in God’s Word at the days of Noah before, during, and after the flood. These periods of time will reveal to us the Time Of The End and the future events along with what is currently happening that surround the coming of Jesus Christ.

We will see through this study the overlapping of the lives of the great men and women of the Old Testament and how they spoke of a coming judgement for generations and gave testimony to one another of God’s faithfulness. Starting from the beginning when Adam was created and sinned, to the birth of Methuselah whose name means “his death shall bring”, and then the flood came. Then on to the days of Noah, before and after the flood, (who lived at the same time as Abraham). Then to the promise to Abram and Sarah of a child, only to have them go against God’s plan and then realize that great violent judgment or *hamas* judgment would occur as a result of their disobedience.

As you can see in the time line in your handout, Adam was able to share God's judgment for his disobedience and His grace to his children and grandchildren. Noah heard of the testimony of who God was from Enos, the grandson of Adam and son of Seth.

We will see that shortly after the flood (God's judgment) and God's grace of sparing Noah and his 7 family members how soon sin or disobedience returned. We know that Abraham was alive at the time of Noah and heard first hand of God's grace and judgment. Shem, the son of Noah is where the modern word Semitic and Semite are derived from. He lived at the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Shem lived 600 years and was the ancestor of the Semitic people.

**Genesis 11:10-11 KJV**

*10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:*

*11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.*

**Genesis 10:1 KJV**

*10 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.*

**Genesis 10:21-31 KJV**

*21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.*

*22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.*

*23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. 24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.*

*25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.*

*26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,*

*27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,*

*28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,*

*29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.*

*30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.*

*31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.*

Abraham was a descendant of Shem, and is the first person in the Bible who is referred to as a “Hebrew”.

### **Genesis 14:13 KJV**

*13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.*

### **Genesis 14:13 AMPC**

*13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew [one from the other side], who was living by the oaks or terebinths of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and of Aner—these were allies of Abram.*

As you can see, the days of Noah are very important for the follower or imitator of Christ to study. His life from before and after the flood impacted Biblical history like few others throughout the Word. From the command of Jesus to know about the Time Of The End in Matthew and Luke, to His instruction to read what the Prophet Daniel said about the “End of Days”, along with the command to watch and pray for Israel, this study, “As In The Days Of Noah”, is vital for the born again believer of Jesus Christ today.

This is what Jesus said in Matthew regarding the days in which we live, the End Of Time or the Last Days...

**Matthew 24:36-39 KJV**

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

*37 But as the days of Noah 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.*

*40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

**Matthew 24:36-39 AMPC**

*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*

*40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.*

*41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.*

*42 Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.*

The reason I'm selecting the story of The Flood, The Ark, the deludes that came to the world, and the signs of judgment is because Jesus tells us Himself that...

**Matthew 24:37 KJV**

*37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

**Delude Defined:**

impose a misleading belief upon (someone); deceive; fool.

Many of us know the story of Noah's Flood (Genesis ch. 6-8). Noah had three sons, Shem, Japheth and Ham. Their 3 wives along with Noah's wife, all entered into the ark, 8 people total and were spared a universal flood that was for the entire earth.

After the flood they came out from the ark and repopulated the earth. Within Genesis chapters 6, 7, and 8 are clues concerning the Time Of The End which we are going to study in this series and learn from those who have gone before us.

First, we'll start with the creation of Adam to the time of Noah, which is ten generations of men. The book of Genesis reveals some very interesting information about these ten generations of men.

These ten generations overlapped each other because of how long they lived. In the book of Genesis (Chapter 5-6), nine out of the 10 men that are listed in the genealogies from Adam to Noah lived to be over 900 years old. Only one lived a short life and that was Enoch who was translated (raptured) at 365 yrs old.

**Genesis 5:23-24 KJV**

*23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*

**Genesis 5:23-24 AMPC**

*23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.  
24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].*

## Genealogies: Enoch to Noah

### Genesis 5:21-32 AMPC

21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born.

22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].

25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, Lamech was born to him.

26 Methuselah lived after the birth of Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters.

27 So Methuselah lived 969 years, and he died.

28 When Lamech was 182 years old, a son was born.

29 He named him Noah, saying, This one shall bring us relief and comfort from our work and the [grievous] toil of our hands due to the ground being cursed by the Lord.

30 Lamech lived after the birth of Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Enoch's son was Methuselah, who was Noah's grandfather. Let me stop right here for a moment. It is important, if you haven't already, to start a life of habitual obedience. As children of God, we are now adopted in, as Jew or gentile and you can join a line (father Abraham) of habitual obedience and learn from those who have gone before. Study and learn where they made mistakes, the right choices or chose righteousness and see God's blessing and faithfulness. We'll discuss this further in our study.

If you count the first 10 generations, 9 out of the 10 lived over 900 years of age and when you average the age of Enoch of 365 years when he was translated (never died), you still have an average age of 816 years for a person to live back in that day.

The pre-flood population is not listed in the Bible but scholars estimate that there could have been from between 5 to 10 billion people living on the earth from the time of Adam to the Flood of the time of Noah.

Noah was born on the year 1,056 after the creation of Adam and Adam died 126 years before Noah was born. This means that the flood occurred 726 years after Adam died. I know I'm using a lot of numbers right now, but I'm laying a foundation for the rest of this series.

The flood came on the 600th year of Noah's life according to God's Word...

**Genesis 7:6 KJV**

*6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.*

This means he lived another 350 years after the flood and he died at 950 years of age...he gave testimony first hand to many.

**Genesis 9:29 KJV**

*29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.*



From Noah we then move to Abraham who was born in the land of Ur.. Abraham first appears in the Bible in Genesis 11:27, which says that Terah, a descendant of Noah's son Shem, begets three children: Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

**Genesis 11:27 KJV**

*27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.*

Note: Abraham is called Abram at the moment, which means "the father is exalted." Not until he has a child of his own, decades later, will God change his name to Abraham, which means "father of many."

The reason I'm sharing this with you, and this is very important, is that these generation of men (women and children) all knew each other. Because their lives overlapped, the first eight generations actually knew each other personally. They knew the story of the fall of man, the story of the Garden of Eden, all the stories that were told to them first hand by Adam, through his son Seth and his grandson Cainan.

The book of Genesis is fascinating and it contains the entire history of the world. When you look at the book of Genesis going backwards it is actually the revelation of the future going forward. We will get into this more in the coming weeks as the study continues.

Now, in order to get the revelation of the book of Genesis about the days that we are living in, I want to take you through the first 10 generations of men in the Bible, from Adam to Noah. We are going to take their Hebrew names and see what their basic meaning is in the English language.

**Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC**

*9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,*

*10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose*

**First Ten Generations Of Men  
Names Defined**

(basic description)

Generation 1	Adam	Man
Generation 2	Seth	Appointed
Generation 3	Enos	Mortal
Generation 4	Cainan	Sorrow
Generation 5	Mahalaleel	The Blessed God
Generation 6	Jared	Descend Or Come Down
Generation 7	Enoch	Teacher Or Teaching
Generation 8	Methusaleh	His Death Brings
Generation 9	Lamech	Despairing
Generation 10	Noah	Rest

This is the order of the first Ten Generations of Men. When you take the actual orders of the births and put the names or the meaning of the names into a sentence, this is what it says.

**Man is appointed mortal sorrow, the blessed God will come down teaching; His death brings the despairing rest.**

Concealed in the names of the first Ten Generations of Men in the book of Genesis is the actual Gospel where God Himself will come down in the form of a man (Jesus) and be the teacher. Then the death of Christ will bring men rest.

This is so incredible that the account of Genesis that Moses wrote in the wilderness has revelation information about the history of the world and the “things” to come! From the Hebrew people and early Israel, we are going to see all that God has put in the pages of this Bible for you and I to be fully aware of His Coming.

Now, let's go back to Adam...when Adam sinned he was expelled or removed out of the garden by God.

**Genesis 3:23-24 KJV**

*23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

*24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Then, Adam had 2 sons by the name of Cain and Abel. Cain would eventually kill Abel but God sent a replacement for Abel and that replacement's name was Seth.

**Genesis 4:25 AMPC**

*25 And Adam's wife again became pregnant, and she bore a son and called his name Seth. For God, she said, has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, for Cain slew him.*

**Genesis 4:25 KJV**

*25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*

The lineage of the Jewish Messiah would come through the lineage of Seth who would be considered the righteous seed.

**Genesis 5:3-5 AMPC**

*3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth.*

*4 After he had Seth, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.*

*5 So altogether Adam lived 930 years, and he died.*

Then, Seth had a son by the name of Enosh or Enos...

**Genesis 5:6-8 AMPC**

*6 When Seth was 105 years old, Enosh (Enos - KJV) was born.*

*7 Seth lived after the birth of Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 So Seth lived 912 years, and he died.*

Enos (Enosh) then had a son by the name of Cainan (Kenan)

**Genesis 5:9-11 KJV**

*9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:*

*10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.*

**Genesis 5:9-11 AMPC**

*9 When Enosh was 90 years old, Kenan was born to him.*

*10 Enosh lived after the birth of Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters.*

*11 So Enosh lived 905 years, and he died.*

This is the first four Generations of Men....I want to stop right here and share with you something that is incredible. God revealed something to Adam, that there would be a double destruction that would come to the earth. This is recorded in history (which were are going to get into), the first destruction would be by water and the second destruction would be by fire. The second destruction which is going to be by fire is recorded in 2 Peter.

**2 Peter 3:7 AMPC**

*7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.*

We are going to now go into some secular history, confirmed things that actually happened in history. History and information from God's Word, information from the Jewish historian Josephus as well. We are also going to use a book which is referenced in the Bible which is the book of Jasher, for additional insight and I will share more about that book shortly.

**Joshua 10:13 KJV**

*13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

**Joshua 10:13 AMPC**

*13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation took vengeance upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.*

**2 Samuel 1:18 KJV**

*18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)*

We will also be using a book that is referenced in the Bible which is the book of Enoch. This book is not in the canon of scripture but was quoted in the book of Jude and in James.

The Book of Enoch is a composite work of several authors that dates from the last two centuries before Christ and was used from the first century through the third century in The Church.

It consists of five divisions which are further segmented into 108 chapters. Its original language was found to be in both Hebrew or Aramaic and eventually it was translated into Greek. Some eleven fragments of Enoch were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls collection.

We will be using these resources since they are listed in the Bible along with Scripture itself which is the number one source, and is never wrong.

First, Josephus the Jewish historian said that Adam told his son Seth something, which Seth told Enos who then told Cainan and they wrote this down. (Remember all of them were alive at the same time). Adam told them that there would be a deluge of water that would be coming to the earth.



“They also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. And, that their inventions might not be lost before they were sufficiently known, upon Adam’s prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars, the one of brick, the other of stone; They inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar or brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar or brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day.”

Antiquities of the Jews by Josephus  
Book 1 Chapter 2 Section 3

Josephus said that there was a monument of some kind that goes all the way back to the sons of Adam that talked about the flood that was coming and in his day it was the land of Siriad. Many people believe that is somewhere in the land of Egypt.

This is also confirmed in the book of Jasher...

### **Jasher 2:12-13**

And Cainan knew by his wisdom that God would destroy the sons of men for having sinned upon the earth, and that the Lord would in the Latter Days bring upon them the waters of the flood. And in those days Cainan wrote upon tablets of stone, what was to take place in time to come, and he put them in his treasures.

The Book of Jasher is also known as the “Book of the Upright One” in the Greek Septuagint and the “Book of the Just Ones” in the Latin Vulgate. The Book of Jasher is a collection or compilation of ancient Hebrew songs and poems praising the heroes of Israel and their exploits in battle. The Book of Jasher is mentioned in Joshua 10:12-13 when the Lord stopped the sun in the middle of the day during the battle of Beth Horon. It is also mentioned in 2 Samuel 1:18-27 as containing the Song or Lament of the Bow, that mournful funeral song which David composed at the time of the death of Saul and Jonathan.

The question is, if the Book of Jasher is mentioned in the Bible, why was it left out of the Canon of Scripture? We know that God did direct the authors of Scripture to cite both historical & poetical writings.



The passage recorded in Joshua 10:13 is a good example. In recording this battle, Joshua included passages from the Book of Jasher not because it was his only source of what occurred; rather, he was stating, in effect, “If you don’t believe what I’m saying, then go read it in the historical Book of Jasher. Even that book has a record of this event.”

These reference books are NOT inspired scripture but they do confirm what the Word says as being true (in the same way that science confirms God’s Word today, i.e. the earth is round, etc.) It is recorded in these history books, books of poetry and is what the Hebrew people sang about as they worshipped God for what He had done for them.

This passage in Jasher 2:12-13 shows that God revealed to Adam that a flood was coming in the distant future of the earth. Remember, this is all handed down from Adam to Seth, from Seth to Enos, from Enos to Cainan, from Cainan to Mahalaleel, from Mahalaleel to Jared, from Jared to Enoch, from Enoch to Methusaleh, from Methusaleh to Lamech and from Lamech to Noah. They knew it was coming but didn’t know the exact date that this judgment and destruction was coming.

In the same way they knew the Flood was coming we know that Christ is coming, but we don’t know the exact day or hour....

**Matthew 25:13 KJV**

*13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

**But, He told us of the signs that would point to His return...**

