

These Perilous Times
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Wake Up or Shut Up?
Downplay or Re-play?

Noah was considered a fanatical alarmist, {like many of us who preach “present truth”} to the antediluvian people of his time. Yeah, right Noah, God is going to send a great flood to destroy the earth and all the inhabitants of His Own creation?

What about our new homes, jobs, bicycles, boats, or our fat bank accounts-wall street stocks, and my new wife, my new John Deere tractors, and all the land I just purchased? Certainly God is merciful enough and surely He won't destroy everything, just for one Achan in the camp, and few pet sins of the Saints, ¹ {sarcasm intended}.

Noah for 120 years ² sent out the warning wake- up call to God's people. Did they wake up or did they tell Noah to shut up?

Did Noah replay God's prophetic warning or did he downplay it? ³

What does this mean for us?

¹ Joshua 7:10-13, 19-5; 22:20

² Genesis 6:3

³ Genesis 6:6-22; Hebrews 11:7

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

“But as the days of No’e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No’e entered into the ark, **And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away;** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Mathew 24:37-39

“This second epistle, beloved **I now write unto you, in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words that were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us apostles of the Lord and Savior: Knowing this first, that in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. For this they are willingly ignorant of,** that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was overflowed with water perished:” II Peter 3:1-6

Though yesterday’s earthquake, {Tuesday, Aug 23, 2011, 1:51 PM, measuring 5.8 magnitude on the Richter scale} caught everyone unexpectedly off guard, we have been forewarned that these calamities would come and will increase in frequency and intensity until the return of our Lord.

“Christ forewarned His disciples of the destruction of Jerusalem and the signs to take place prior to the coming of the Son of Man. The whole of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew is a prophecy concerning the events to precede this event, and the destruction of Jerusalem is used to typify the last great destruction of the world by fire.”⁴

“The time is now come when one moment we may be on solid earth, the next the earth may be heaving beneath our feet. Earthquakes will take place when least expected.”⁵

“In Fires, in flood,, in earthquakes, in the fury of the great deep, in calamities by sea and by land, **the warning is given** that God’s Spirit will not always strive with men.”⁶

“God has a purpose for these calamities to occur. **They are one of His means of calling men and women to their senses.** By unusual workings through nature **God will express to doubting human agencies that which he clearly reveals in His Word.**⁷

“How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornados, {hurricanes also} of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are the capricious

⁴ E. G. White, MS 77, 1899.

⁵ E. G. White, TM, p.421, 1889.

⁶ E. G. White, 3MR, 315, 1897.

⁷ E. G. White, 19MR, 279, 1902.

outbreaks of disorganized, unregulated forces of nature, wholly beyond the control of man, but in them all Gods purpose may be read. They are among the agencies by which he seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger." ⁸

Jesus loves us friends, with an everlasting love, "BUT" through His servants he calls us to repentance before it's too late. Probation is ready to close, and we, like many others are not where we need to be spiritually!

"...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of Salvation." II Corinthians 6:2

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:11&12

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44

⁸ E. G. White, PK, p. 277, 1914.