

Luke 17:26-29 (NKJV)

26 “And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.”

Blessed be the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This prophecy was spoken directly by our Lord Jesus Himself. It was not spoken by Paul, John, Peter, or even Luke who recorded it. It came from the mouth of the Lord Himself, describing what His coming would be like.

In this prophecy, He compared His return to:

- The days of Noah

- The days of Lot

Many focus only on the outward activities mentioned: eating and drinking (a life of indulgence and drunkenness), marrying and giving in marriage (moral corruption and distorted unions), buying and selling (even corrupt and dishonest trade), planting and building (material preoccupation).

Indeed, we see much of this fulfilled in our generation.

However, there are two deeper expressions that are easy to miss:

1. "As it was in the days of Noah"
2. "As it was in the days of Lot"

Jesus did not say, *"as it was in the day of the flood"* or *"as it was in the day of Sodom's destruction."*

He specifically said: the days of Noah and the days of Lot.

This is very significant.

1. The Days of Noah – A Time of Warning Before Judgment

Noah was a servant of God. Before the flood came, God warned him.

Genesis 6:13 (NKJV)

“And God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me... and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.’”

Noah was not only warned—he was given time to prepare and to preach.

2 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)

“...Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness...”

For many years while building the ark, Noah preached repentance. Yet only eight souls entered the ark (Genesis 7:13).

The rest mocked him. To them, he looked like a foolish old carpenter building a ship where there was no rain.

But when the door of the ark was shut by God (Genesis 7:16), it was too late.

2. The Days of Lot – A Time of Urgent Escape

Lot also was warned before destruction came.

Genesis 19:12-14 (NKJV)

*“Have you anyone else here? ... Take them out of this place!
For we will destroy this place...
So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law... but to his
sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.”*

Lot warned his family, but they thought he was joking.

Only Lot, his wife, and his two daughters left. Even then, his wife looked back and perished (Genesis 19:26).

The Apostle Peter calls Lot a righteous man:

2 Peter 2:7-8 (NKJV)

“...righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked...”

What Does This Mean for Us?

When Jesus says “as it was in the days of Noah and Lot,” He is revealing something deeper:

Before judgment comes, God raises servants to warn the world.

These are the true “days of the servants of God.”

Today, in every nation—including here in Africa and across the world—God has raised many “Noahs” and “Lots.” They preach:

- Repentance
- The return of Christ
- The coming judgment
- Separation from sin

Many people mock them.

Many say they exaggerate.

Many say they are dramatic or unemployed or seeking attention.

But when judgment suddenly comes, regret will be too late.

The Final Call Before the Door Closes

When you begin to hear strong preaching about the end times, understand something:

It is the final gospel call before judgment.

Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

Just as in Noah’s time, people waited for a dramatic sign from heaven before believing.

Just as in Lot's time, people dismissed the warning.

We must not repeat their mistake.

The Door Of Grace Will Close

There came a time when:

- The ark door was shut.
- The angels finished speaking.
- Fire fell.
- The rain began.
- Silence followed.

Likewise, there will come a moment when:

- The Holy Spirit will no longer strive with humanity (Genesis 6:3).
 - The invitation to repentance will cease.
 - The age of grace will close.
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Have You Received Christ?

Have you repented?

Have you received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...”

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus commanded baptism:

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

And Scripture shows baptism in water by immersion:

John 3:23 (NKJV)

“Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there.”

When a person truly repents, is baptized in obedience, and believes in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within them and guide them into all truth.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...”

These Are The Days Of The Servants Of God

These are not merely the days of destruction.

They are the days of mercy. The days of warning. The days of grace. The days of God's servants crying out.

But they will end.

Final Exhortation

Do not treat the message of Christ's return as a joke.

Receive Christ today. Repent today. Obey today.

Because soon, you may no longer hear the invitation to enter the Ark.

Maranatha — “Come, Lord Jesus.”
(Revelation 22:20, NKJV)

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