

Return of the King Episode 3
"As It Was In the Days of Noah"
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Matthew 24:36-44: "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Three Ways Today is Like the Days of Noah

1. There is Great Deception (v. 38-39).

Genesis 6:5 "The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "People will be lovers of themselves ... boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, brutal ..."

Hebrews 2:3 "How will we escape if we don't pay attention to God's great salvation?"

King James Bible "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

2. There is a Great Separation (v. 40-41).

Matthew 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

2 Corinthians 6:17 "'Therefore come out from them and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.'"

What is common in the world should be **UN**common in the church.

3. There is a Great Preparation. (v. 42-44)

Luke 21:36 "Be always on the **watch**, and **pray** that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

1 John 3:2-3 “But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

2 Corinthians 7:1 “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”