

**“PRAYER FOR A NATION IN DECLINE”**  
**FALL/WINTER/SPRING 2024-2025**  
**“SORCERY IN OUR WORLD”**  
**DECEMBER 04, 2024**

Lu 17:26 "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.

30 "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (NKJV)

Ac 8:9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

Ac 8:11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

Ac 13:6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

Ac 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

Ga 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Re 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Re 18:23 "The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

*I. THE LAST DAYS ARE ILLUSTRATED BY FORMER DAYS WHEN  
JUDGMENT FELL ON THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR UNBELIEF AND  
SINFUL BEHAVIOR*

*A. DAYS OF NOAH:*

- 1. Interaction with sons of God (spirit beings) inappropriately  
with daughters of men  
TODAY: Transgenderism; physically and chemically  
(pharmaceutically) modified men or women;  
homosexuality, bestiality, demonic possession*
- 2. Development of a hybrid, genetically modified human being  
that is neither human or angel  
TODAY: Genetically modified hybrid, transhuman as  
well as transgendered*
- 3. Great wickedness, every thought and intent of his heart was  
only evil continually; filled with violence (hamas:  
oppression, harm, damage, perversion of righteousness  
or justice)  
TODAY: just look around!*
- 4. JUDGMENT: World-wide flood and massive destruction*
- 5. MERCY: Preservation of a believing remnant out of the  
destroying judgment*

*B. DAYS OF LOT:*

- 1. Pride, too much to eat with gluttony, too much leisure and  
idleness, mistreatment of the poor and needy,  
haughtiness and commission of abominations Eze 16:48*
- 2. Strong desire to have homosexual sin with the sons of God  
most likely publicly with all the city gathered around to  
watch*
- 3. Oblivious, perhaps even defiant, of the danger they were in;  
continued life as usual even scoffing the word of God*
- 4. JUDGMENT: Blindness followed by nuclear, divine total  
destruction of property, persons and beasts*
- 5. MERCY: Preservation of a believing remnant away from  
that destroying judgment*

*HYMN 273: Holy Bible, Book Divine*

*PRAYER: Thanksgiving for proper warning, for the Word of God,  
for the promises in it,...*

*For Spirit's power to keep us in the Word of God and  
learning from it to live as we ought*

## *II. GOD HAS TOLD US THE LAST DAYS ARE DAYS OF JUDGMENT AND DESTRUCTION*

- A. Israel is the main character to bring them to faith in Christ*
- B. It is called, the day of the LORD, and is the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's 9<sup>th</sup> chapter prophecy*
- C. The discussion of that period is for another time! It is the worst period of time in all history.*
- D. It doesn't just happen all at once, however. Like the two previous judgments our LORD told us about, there is a lengthy time of interaction of humans with spirit beings of the most rebellious sort: demons, unclean spirits, rebellious sons of God, power-hungry principalities and powers and willing rebellious wicked humans*

## *III. SUCH SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS ARE PERMITTED BY PERVERSION, LACK OF VIGILANCE FOR THE THINGS OF GOD, DISTRACTIONS BY THE PRETTIES OF THE WORLD, AND A NEGLECT OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE*

- A. Spiritual powers operate through the gates of the soul left open through false confidence and abuse of grace*
- B. They operate through thought, suggestion, and argument against the knowledge of God*
- C. Such work is heightened by chemicals (drugs and alcohol as chief ones), enchantments, repetitive musical rhythms and patterns, fascination with the mystical and, of course, playing with the occult*
- D. They also gain access through complaining, bitterness, ingratitude, immorality, idleness, gluttony, rebellion...*
- E. They take advantage of prayerlessness, casual approach to sin, and no study of the Word of God*
- F. They also gain advantage in the rule of the unrighteous; when politics is led by rebellion to God*

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (NKJV)

HYMN 475 - Once to Every Man and Nation

PRAYER: Thanksgiving for mercy and grace of deliverance; Grace to stand brave