As In the Days of Noah & of Lot, #2

It is interesting to think that we are in the time that Jesus stated that the time of the end would be like the time of Noah and the time of Lot. But WHAT WERE THOSE TIMES LIKE, REALLY?

Let's look at what Scripture reveals:

Hebrews 4:3 KJV

(3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although **the works were finished from the foundation of the world**.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV

(9) The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

These verses let us know that God's holy works – and His plans – are established from the foundation of the earth, and they are set in motion in such a manner as that they shall repeat similarly as they have happened once long ago!

With this in mind, we have these words of Genesis, Chapter 6:

Genesis 6:5,11-13 KJV

- (5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- (11) The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
- (12) And <u>God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for</u> [that is, BECAUSE] <u>all</u> <u>flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth</u>.
- (13) And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; <u>for</u> [that is, BECAUSE] <u>the earth</u> <u>is filled with violence through them</u>; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

So, we see that wickedness, evil imaginations continually, violence, and corruption of mankind's lifestyles, and of men's whole beings, was commonplace then – AS IT ALSO IS NOW!!! Yet, NOT ONLY was THAT what we find in the above-referenced Scriptures: We can see ALSO that THE EARTH, ITSELF, WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE!!!

Earthquakes and Volcanoes were common during that time, obviously, AND SO IT ALSO IS NOW!!!

What did Jesus have to say that the earth would be like during the End Times? Look here:

Luke 21:11 KJVR

(11) And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Mark 13:8 KJVR

(8) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and **there shall be earthquakes in divers places**, and **there shall be famines and troubles**: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

Matthew 24:7-10,12 KJVR

(7) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines**, and **pestilences**, and **earthquakes**, **in divers places**.

- (8) All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.
- (9) Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
- (10) And then shall many be offended, and **shall betray one another**, and **shall hate one another**.
- (12) And because **iniquity shall abound**, the love of many shall wax cold.

All of these things are not only happening but are INCREASING IN SEVERITY, AND INCREASING IN NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES!!!

But now, what of the times of Lot being likened to the Times of the End?

Here's some more from the foundation of the world:

Genesis 13:8-13 KJV

- (8) And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we *be* brethren.
- (9) *Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.
- (10) And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.
- (11) <u>Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan</u>; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.
- (12) Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and <u>Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain</u>, and <u>pitched</u> <u>his tent toward Sodom</u>.
- (13) But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

So, we see here that Lot was ENTICED BY ALL THAT HE SAW THAT LOOKED GOOD (HE HAD MERE WORLDLY WISDOM), AND HE WENT AFTER THAT, RATHER THAN SEEKING THE LORD AND WALKING WITH HIM, AND RATHER THAN SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM!

Secondly, Lot MOVED INTO THE CITIES – WHERE ALL THE CORRUPTION TOOK PLACE!!

NOTE THAT MOST OF THE CITIES OF THE WORLD HAVE BECOME "LIBERAL BASTIONS" WHERE THOSE THAT DWELL IN THEM DESPISE THE THINGS OF GOD, AND THEY SEEK TO RULE OVER THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GODLY VALUES AND SENSIBILITIES OUTSIDE THE CITIES IN RURAL AREAS!!!

Thirdly, and most importantly, THE PLACES THAT THE LORD DESTROYED WERE FULL OF MEN THAT WERE "WICKED AND SINNERS BEFORE THE LORD EXCEEDINGLY!!!"

HOW LIKE TO OUR DAY ARE THE DAYS OF LOT THEREFORE?!!

But let us look at even more of what Lot's days were like:

Genesis 19:1-13 KJV

- (1) And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
- (2) And he said, Behold now, <u>my lords</u>, <u>turn in</u>, <u>I pray you</u>, <u>into your servant's house</u>, <u>and tarry all night</u>, <u>and wash your feet</u>, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.
- (3) And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

[LOT WAS STILL ABLE TO REVERENCE THE THINGS OF GOD!]

- (4) But <u>before they lay down, the men of the city</u>, even the men of Sodom, <u>compassed the house</u> round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
- [THIS WAS A RIOT JUST LIKE THE RIOTS IN OUR WORLD'S CITIES' STREETS TODAY!!]
- (5) And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
- [THEY WERE QUEERS JUST LIKE TODAY'S SO-CALLED 'LGBTQ' HOMOSEXUALS <u>AND</u> THEY WERE VIOLENTLY SEXUALLY IMMORAL TOO!!!]
- (6) And **Lot went out at the door unto them**, and shut the door after him,
- (7) **And said**, I pray you, **brethren**, do not so wickedly.
- [LOT TRIED TO SEE THESE WICKED MEN AS BROTHERS, BUT THEY WERE FAR FROM BEING GOD'S OWN!!!]
- (8) Behold now, <u>I have two daughters which have not known man; let me</u>, <u>I pray you</u>, <u>bring them out unto you</u>, <u>and do ye to them as is good in your eyes</u>: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
- [LOT WAS WILLING TO COMPROMISE HIS OWN FAMILY TO SATIATE THOSE LUSTFUL MEN'S APPETITES TO KEEP THOSE HEDONISTS FROM SODOMIZING THE ANGELS!!!]
- (9) <u>And they said, Stand back</u>. And they said <u>again</u>, This one <u>fellow</u> came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: <u>now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even <u>Lot</u>, and came near to break the door.</u>

[AGAIN, THEY WERE VIOLENTLY SEXUALLY IMMORAL HOMOSEXUALS!!!]

- (10) But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
- (11) And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.
- (12) And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides a son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters? and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:
- (13) For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
 - [THE CRY OF UNGODLINESS HAD REACHED ITS CLIMAX IN THE EYES OF THE LORD JUST AS IT HAS NOW!!!]

But wait, there's still MORE:

Genesis 19:30-36 KJV

- (30) And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.
- (31) And **the firstborn said unto the younger**, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:
- (32) <u>Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</u>
- (33) And they made their father drink wine that night: and <u>the firstborn went in</u>, <u>and lay with her</u> <u>father</u>; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.
- (34) And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

- (35) And they made their father drink wine that night also: and <u>the younger arose</u>, <u>and lay with</u> **him**; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.
- (36) Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

THE TIMES OF THE END WILL BE SUCH THAT SEXUAL PROMISCUITY IN FAMILIES WILL BE TAUGHT, AND LIVED, RATHER THAN LIVING AND TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD TO ONE'S OWN FAMILY MEMBERS!!!

THIS IS FAMILY & SOCIETAL INFIDELITY – JUST LIKE WE SEE AT THIS TIME, HERE IN THIS DAY AND AGE!!!

What more does Scripture tell us about the choices Lot made, and about his character, and regarding his standing before God?

Look here:

2Peter 2:7-8 KJV

- (7) And delivered <u>just</u> [that is, RIGHTEOUS] <u>Lot</u>, <u>vexed with the filthy conversation of the</u> <u>wicked</u>:
- (8) (For that righteous man <u>dwelling among them</u>, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their <u>unlawful deeds</u>);

THE GODLY DWELLING AMONGST THE UNGODLY BRINGS VEXATION OF SOUL TO THE TRULY RIGHTEOUS ONES IN THEIR MIDST – JUST LIKE WHAT IS OCCURRING IN THIS UNGODLY DAY WE ARE NOW LIVING IN!!!

BUT I HAVE GOOD NEWS:

Genesis 6:8,22 KJV

- (8) But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
- (22) Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

NOAH <u>FOUND</u> GRACE IN GOD'S SIGHT BECAUSE HE LIVED TO RECEIVE IT BY DETERMINEDLY DOING GOD'S WILL!!! WE CAN TOO!!!

2Corinthians 6:1-2 KJV

- (1) We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
- (2) (For <u>he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee</u>: behold, <u>now is the accepted time</u>; behold, <u>now is the day of salvation</u>.)

1Peter 4:10 KJV

(10) As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, **as good stewards of the manifold grace of God**.

Genesis 19:16,29 KJV

(16) And while he lingered, the men [that is, THE TWO ANGELS] laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

(29) And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, *that God remembered Abraham*, *and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow*, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

GOD REMEMBERED THE PROMISE HE MADE TO ONE WHO MADE SUPPLICATION FOR ONE OF THOSE (WHOM HE LOVED) IN HIS FAMILY...EVEN ONE WHO WAS UNWISE BUT WAS STILL CONSIDERED GODLY BY GOD!!!

2Peter 2:9 KJV

(9) <u>The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations</u>, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

BE FOUND IN HIS GRACE, LIVING A LIFE WORTHY OF THAT GRACE!!!

JUST LIKE NOAH, SOMEWHAT LIKE LOT!!!

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