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• (Luke 17:26-30 NIV) 'Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. (27) People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. (28) "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. (29) But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. (30) "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.
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- The Son Of Man Will Be Revealed

- Jesus Is Coming Again -- But When?

- It Will Be Like The Days Of Noah

- The Days Of Noah & Our Modern Days Have Much In Common
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1. The Condition On The Earth = A State Of Rebellion

• There Was A Population Explosion
  (Gen. 6:1) "Men Began To Increase In Number…"

• More Sinners = More Sin

• As Population Increased = A Corresponding Rise In Sin & Rebellion
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• Gen 6:2 (NIV) "the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose."

• Jude 1:6 (KJV) ⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

• There Was A Rebellion Against God's Plan
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• The "Sons Of God" Married The "Daughters Of Man"

• **THE PROBLEM:** They Were Out Of Their Realm & Kept Not Their First Estate (*Jude 1:6*)

• They Did Not Consider The Statutes Of God
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- Gen 6:3 (NIV) "Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

- Gen 6:4 (NIV) "The Nephilim (KJV = GIANTS – HEB = “FALLEN ONES”) were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God (‘BNE-ELOHIM’ = ALWAYS REFERS TO ANGELS IN THE O.T.) went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown."

- See Also: 1 Pet 3:18-20; Jude 1:6; 2 Pet 2:4
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• **Literally**: “My Spirit Will Not Remain In Man For Ever…for He Is Corrupt”

• **It Was Not The Heroes Or The Giants In Stature That Were Used By God ---**

  *It Was The Man Who Was A Giant In Faith -- Noah*
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2. Wickedness Was Prevalent

• (Gen 6:5 NIV) Every Inclination Of The Thoughts Of His Heart Was Only Evil All The Time
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**Sin Was Blatantly Manifested:**

1. Sexual Immorality
2. Violence

**God Resented Man's Wickedness:**

- The Lord Was Grieved
- God's Disposition Changed
  - From Mercy And Patience
  - To Judgment
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- God Has A Holy Hatred Of Sin
- When We Dabble In Sin
  - We Are Hurting God's Heart
  - God Is Grieved
- If God Hates Sin Shouldn't We?
- If Sin Grieves God Shouldn't It Grieve Us?
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- God Was Sorry That He Had Made Man

- But We Never See That He Was Sorry That He Redeemed Man

- Because That Too Is His Nature!
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3. There Was A Righteous Man: Noah:

- (Gen 6:8-10 NIV) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (9) This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. (10) Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.
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Noah Had Four Things Going For Him

1. He Found Favor In The Eyes Of The Lord

2. He Was A Righteous Man
   • He Believed &Obeyed God
     • Heb 11:7 (NIV) "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

3. He Was Blameless Among The People Of His Time
   • Noah Was Righteous And Blameless Among A World Of Offenders
   • Noah Had An Unblemished Genealogy

4. He Walked With God
   • God Shows Grace To Those Who Walk With Him
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• The Action And Justice Of God = As He Declares He Will Destroy The Wicked

• (Gen 6:11-13 NIV) Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. (12) God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. (13) So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."
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3 Reasons For Judgment On The People:

1. They Had Rejected God's Promise Of A Redeemer And Had Turned From God

2. They Had Rejected His Messengers
   - Enoch – Methuselah -- Noah

3. The Level Of Sin Was So Great That It Threatened God's Plan Of A Redeemer
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• He Gave Man The Opportunity To Turn Around -- Man Opted To Go His Own Way

• Every Man Who Died Outside Of The Ark Did So By His Own Choice

• After 120 Years Of Preaching God's Judgment Was Unleashed
Compare Noah's Days & Our Day

1. Strong Tendency By Many To Reject God
2. Undue Prominence Of Immoral Sexuality
3. Blatant Preference Of Homosexuality
4. Numerous Marriages And Divorces
5. A Falling Away From God By Believers
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6. Many New Inventions -- Increase In Knowledge
7. The Rejection Of Righteousness Preaching
8. An Unparalleled Rise In Violence & Bloodshed
9. A General Feeling Of Anarchy And Lawlessness
10. A Rise In Drunkenness…Partying
11. The Economy Continues To Dominate
   • Buying
   • Selling
   • Planting
   • Building
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- Fair Warning Has Been Given
- Jesus Is Coming
- He Is Coming For Those Who Are Ready Those Who Believe In Him & Are Righteous
- No One Can Know The Day Or The Hour
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- All The Signs In The Bible Point To The Fact That Jesus Can Come At Any Moment

- How Long Will You Wait?

- Don't Put It Off Any Longer

- Jesus Could Come Before This Day Is Over!