

Part Five: MORALITY AT A TIPPING POINT

WHAT BIBLE PROPHECY SAYS ABOUT IMMORALITY IN THE END-TIMES

Jesus compares the end-times with the times of Noah and Lot.

Luke 17:26-36

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. In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵ Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. ³⁶ Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

Four parallels Jesus gives us about the days of Noah and Lot and the end-times generation that witnesses His appearing:

1. A business as usual attitude of sinners.
2. A refusal of sinners to listen to the

warnings of the righteous.

3. A sudden removal of the righteous from among the wicked.
4. Cataclysmic judgment.

AND WHY WOULD GOD BE SO ANGRY AS TO JUDGE THEM WITH SUCH SEVERITY?

NOAH'S WORLD:

Genesis 6:9-13

This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Corrupt = Hebrew "Shacath" (Shaw-khath) = Evil; filthy; immoral

LOT'S WORLD:

2 Peter 2:4-10

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an

example to those who afterward would live ungodly;⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed.

FILTHY = Greek - "Aselgeia" = licentious; sexually immoral; insatiable desire for pleasure
UNGODLY = NO FEAR OF GOD

OUR WORLD:

2 Timothy 3:1-8

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!⁶ For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;...

WHY SO MANY SPECIFIC MEASUREMENTS?

1. It explains the full spectrum of immorality.
2. It explains why God hates immorality and why He will judge it severely.
3. It very specifically describes the world of the end-times and why it will be such a dangerous place.
4. It describes the perverted value system of society in the end-times.
 - a.) Exaltation of self / Narcissistic
 - b.) Rejection of authority.
 - c.) Rejection of moral standards.
 - d.) Disloyal, unloving and verbally vicious.

FOUR INGREDIENTS OF BIBLICAL MORALITY

1. Exaltation of God over self.
2. Submission to God's authority and to His delegated human authority.
3. Acceptance of the absolute moral standards of the Bible.
4. Loving others loyally and sacrificially.

ACCORDING TO JESUS WE ARE THE SALT AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

EXAMPLES OF NOAH AND LOT AND HOW TO OVERCOME IN AN EVIL WORLD:

1. Be bold about your faith.

Mark 8:38

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

2. Don't envy sinners or be deceived by them.
3. Live for God and not for this world.

HOW?

- A. Put God first and seek Him daily.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

B. Seek committed and accountable relationships with fellow believers.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

C. Seek to change the world for Christ rather than being changed by the world.

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.