

Are the Days of Normalcy Behind Us?

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LUKE describes a particular state of affairs at the time of the Rapture:

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 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. It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed” (Luke 17:26-30).

We understand that Luke’s picture of normalcy is referring to the days preceding the Rapture rather than the Second Coming because by the time of the Second Coming the earth and its inhabitants will have been utterly decimated by war, plague, famine, asteroid impacts, earthquakes, and a host of other divine judgments (Rev. 6, 8-19).

According to the Book of Revelation, most people on the planet will not survive the tribulation period. In view of the burgeoning pandemic, some in the prophetic community are wondering: have we already crossed over the threshold of normalcy described in Luke, thus ruling out the possibility of an imminent Rapture?

I don’t believe so, and here is why.

Though the Coronavirus has caused worldwide panic and behavioral changes, the reality is that among earth’s 7.8 billion inhabitants, only about 675,000 infections have so far been reported. That equates to .008 percent of the earth’s population. Global deaths to date number around 31,000, which is about .0003 percent of the total population.

What’s more, while it’s clear that an economic collapse of biblical scale is in the making—that the stage is being set for hyperinflation and the rise of the “beast” system—the financial, business, and social order remains intact: People are buying and selling—even hoarding. Commercial and residential construction continues. Crops are being planted, harvested, and distributed. And while public gatherings are limited or banned in many places, weddings are still being held.

In short, despite toilet-paper shortages, semi deserted streets, and quarantine camps being constructed in cities around the world, Luke’s description of the days preceding the Rapture—people eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building, and marrying—fits today.

Luke's imagery could also apply to a rebound-period, a lull in the corona-crisis, that may occur later in the spring or summer. If infection rates drop off with the warmer weather as some speculate, we could see a mini-boom spurred by a combination of cabin/spring fever and the loosening of government restrictions on gatherings and commerce.

The bottom line is that, while no one knows the day or hour, conditions remain ripe for the Rapture to occur.

So be ready, and keep watch!

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