

Noah's Flood, Jesus' Return, and Halloween

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THE BIBLE TEACHES that when Jesus returns it will be like the days of Noah:

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:37-39).

Just as people were caught off guard by the floodwaters in Noah's day, they will be surprised when the Day of the Lord arrives suddenly.

The element of surprise is not the only similarity between the Flood and Jesus' return. Let's consider some other parallels.

THE RIGHTEOUS ESCAPE JUDGMENT

At the Flood, the righteous escape God's wrath by being lifted up in the Ark (Gen. 7:7).

At the Rapture, the righteous escape God's wrath by being caught up to heaven (Luke 21:36; Rev. 7:9).

MANY ROOMS

Noah's Ark contained many rooms (Gen. 6:14).

Heaven contains many rooms (John 14:2; Isa. 26:19, 20).

A SINGLE DOOR

The Ark had only one door by which one could enter (Gen. 6:16).

Heaven has only one “door” by which one can enter, Jesus Christ (John 10:9).

THE THIRD LEVEL

The Ark was built with three decks, or levels, inside (Gen. 6:16). Noah's family would have been quartered in the upper, third, deck (Gen. 8:6).

Scripture teaches there are three levels to heaven (2 Cor. 12:2). The third level, God's dwelling place, is where the raptured saints will be quartered during the Tribulation.

WARNINGS IGNORED

The Book of Jasher records how Noah was ignored when he warned of God's impending judgment (Jash. 6:17-20).

Those who today warn of God's impending judgment are similarly ignored.

ALL FLESH DESTROYED

The Flood destroyed all living flesh on earth (Gen. 7:21).

Jesus says that if the coming days of wrath were not shortened no flesh would survive. Thankfully, for the elect's sake, those days will be shortened (Matt. 24:22).

THE NUMBER OF MAN

Noah was 600 years when the Flood began (Gen. 7:6).

According to God's six (thousand-year) "day" plan of redemption, fallen humanity will be 6,000 years old when the Day of the Lord begins.

THE DOOR IS SHUT

After Noah and his family boarded the Ark, the door was shut (Gen. 7:13, 14, 16).

According to the Parable of the Virgins, after the wise virgins enter into the wedding, the door will be shut (Matt. 25:10).

LET US IN!

The Book of Jasher records how, once the flood-rains began, the people outside the Ark cried out to be let in—but they were not let in (Jash. 6: 18, 21, 24).

In the Parable of the Virgins, those locked out of the wedding cry out to be let in—but they are not let in (Matt. 25:10-12).

EARTH DECIMATED

After the Flood, Noah and his family returned to a decimated earth to begin anew (Gen. 9:1, 7).

After God's final wrath is complete, the raptured saints will return to a decimated earth to begin anew (Rev. 19:11-16).

EARTH TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

At Noah's Flood it's believed the earth's crust slipped around its molten core, altering the latitudinal position of the land masses. That a tilting of the globe, or "pole shift," occurred during the Flood is supported by passages in the extra-biblical Books of Enoch and Jasher and by ancient traditions from cultures worldwide—from the Chinese, to the Greenland Eskimos, to the Zulu of South Africa—about the world being turned upside down at the time of a great deluge.

Physical evidence of a pole shift accompanying the Flood consists of fossilized plants and animals found at latitudes at which they don't belong. Also, misaligned magnetic orientations in lava flows around the globe indicate that the continents changed positions at a time of extreme seismic upheaval like that which would have occurred at the Flood.

That a pole shift is set to occur in the future, at the Day of the Lord, is supported by Bible passages that describe the heavens receding like a scroll, "every" mountain and island being moved from its place, roaring seas and strange tides, and the earth reeling to and fro like a drunkard (Luke 21; 25, 26; Ps. 46:2, 3; Rev. 6:14; Isa. 13:13; 24:1, 19, 20).

In the case of the future pole shift we, again, find traditions or counterfeit prophecies that mimic the biblical narrative: From cultures and religions as diverse as the Hopi and Islamic, to psychics and seers like Edgar Cayce and Nostradamus, it's believed the earth a will, once more, be turned upside down.

Nostradamus purportedly predicted the cataclysm would occur in October.

HALLOWEEN

With all of the above in view, it's interesting to note that Noah's Flood began in October/November, corresponding to the biblical month of Cheshvan and a dark holiday celebrated around the world—Halloween.

A common belief is that Halloween, also known as All Saints Day or the Day of the Dead, has its origins in the pagan practices of the Druids and Celts. The Celtic festival Samhain, which comes from the Old Irish for "summer's end," marked the end of the harvest season and the darker half of the year.

Samhain was seen as a time when the boundary between the physical and spiritual world was thinner and spirits or fairies could more easily traverse the realms. The visiting spirits, thought to be degraded versions of ancient gods, had to be appeased to ensure that people and livestock survived the winter. Thus food, drink, or portions of crops were left outside as offerings.

A hint that Halloween's roots go back even further than Samhain, however, is the fact that ancient cultures radically distinct from one another—from the Aztecs to the Egyptians and Persians—maintain similar traditions about a "day of death" and departed spirits at the same time of year. Thus many Christian scholars conclude that the annual autumn celebration, known by different names and celebrated in various ways around the world, is, in fact, a sort of morbid memorial to those who perished during the Flood of Noah.

That Halloween pays homage to the wicked destroyed in Noah's day sheds a revealing light on this macabre holiday and explains its exploding popularity as we near the day of Jesus' return.

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NOTES:

1. The Book of Jasher, purported to be about the same age as the Book of Genesis, is one of thirteen ancient "history books" that are recommended reading by the Bible. Scripture cites Jasher in Joshua 10:13, 2 Samuel 1:18, and 2 Timothy 3:8.
2. NOAH'S WARNINGS IGNORED: "And the sons of men...came unto Noah unto the ark...And they called to Noah saying, Open for us that we may come into the ark...And Noah...answered them from the ark saying, Have you not all rebelled against the Lord, and said that he does not exist? Is this not the thing that I spoke to you of one hundred and twenty years back, and you would not hearken to the voice of the Lord?" (Jasher 6:17-20).

3. LET US IN: “And they called to Noah saying, Open for us that we may come to thee in the ark...that we may live and not die...And the sons of men approached in order to break into the ark, to come in on account of the rain, for they could not bear the rain upon them...And the Lord sent all the beasts and animals that stood around the ark. And the beasts overpowered [the men]...and drove them from that place, and every man went his way” (Jasher 6:18, 21, 24, 25).

4. Extra-biblical support for a pole shift at the Flood:

The Book of Enoch,* cited in the New Testament in the Book of Jude (1:14-15), speaks of the earth becoming “inclined”: “In those days [just before the Flood] Noah saw that the earth became inclined, and that destruction approached. Then he lifted up his feet, and went to the ends of the earth, to the dwelling of his great grandfather Enoch. And Noah cried with a bitter voice, hear me; hear me; hear me; three times. And he said, tell me what is transacting upon earth; for the earth labours, and is violently shaken. Surely I shall perish with it” (Enoch 64:1-3).

The Book of Jasher describes the “whole earth” being moved violently and the sun being darkened: “And on that day [as Noah finished loading the ark], the Lord caused the whole earth to shake, and the sun darkened, and the foundations of the world raged, and the whole earth was moved violently, and the lightning flashed, and the thunder roared, and all the fountains in the earth were broken up, such as was not known to the inhabitants before” (Jasher 6:11).

The sun going dark could be the result of an eclipse or a sudden tilting of the globe.

5. Physical Evidence for a pole shift at the Flood:

Fossils unearthed around the globe indicate that each current terrain was once inhabited by plants and animals of a much different climate. Rand and Rose Flem-Ath discuss this phenomenon in their book, *When the Sky Fell*: “All the continents that experience rapid and massive extinctions of animal species (notably the Americas and Siberia) underwent massive changes in their latitudes...Coral has been found in Newfoundland, ferns, fossils, coal and fossilized tree-stumps have been found in Antarctica, water lilies and fossilized palm leaves ten and twelve feet long have been found in Spitzbergen, there is evidence that the swamp cypress flourished within 500 miles of the North Pole in the Miocene epoch, and more. The evidence is overwhelming that the Poles have not covered the same parts of the planet for the entire extent of our geological history.

University of New Mexico Professor Frank V. Hibben’s description of what is found near the top of the globe may be explained by a pole shift, rapid freezing, and a catastrophic flood: “In many places, Alaskan muck is packed with animal bones and debris in trainload lots. Bones of mammoths, mastodons, several kinds of bison, horses, wolves, bears and lions tell a story of a faunal population. Within this frozen mass lie the twisted parts of animals and trees intermingled with lenses of ice and layers of peat and mosses. It looks as though in the midst of some cataclysmic catastrophe of ten thousand years ago the whole Alaskan world of living animals and plants was suddenly frozen in mid-motion like a grim charade. Twisted and torn trees are piled in splintered masses. At least four considerable layers of volcanic ash may be traced in these deposits, although they are extremely warped and distorted.”

For more on pole shift see chapters 5 and 10 of *The Coming Days of Awe*.

6. According to the Book of Enoch, the wicked spirits who harass and torment humanity today are the spirits of Nephilim, or giants—the hybrid offspring of fallen angels and human women mentioned in Genesis 6—who were destroyed in the Flood.

7. Miscellaneous facts about Cheshvan, the month of Noah's Flood:

- Noah and family boarded the Ark on Cheshvan 17 and disembarked the vessel a year later on Cheshvan 27 (Gen. 7, 8).
- The First Temple was completed by Solomon in Cheshvan, though it was not inaugurated until the following Tishrei.
- Cheshvan marks the beginning of the rainy season in Israel. The rains beginning in Cheshvan have eschatological significance as Scripture compares Jesus' coming at the end of the age to the autumn rains: "His going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter [spring] and former [autumn] rain unto the earth" (Hos. 6:3).
- In Jewish mysticism, each month is linked to a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Cheshvan is linked to the letter nun. The numeric value of the letter nun is 50. In Scripture, the number 50 is associated with the Jubilee, or year of redemption, and denotes fullness or completion.
- Cheshvan is the eighth month. Eight is a number of new beginnings in Scripture. All Israelite males were to be circumcised on the eighth day (12:3). The removal and discarding of flesh foreshadows the spiritual circumcision, "the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh," one undergoes upon entering into a relationship with Christ. Ultimately, circumcision points to the putting off of one's temporal flesh at the resurrection (Col. 2:11; 1 Cor. 15:52).