

*“As It Was in the Days of Noah”—*

# **The 120 Years – Another Prophecy for the End Time**

**What is the mysterious meaning of the Genesis prophecy where God says, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” What does this enigmatic passage mean? What does it mean for us of this present generation?**

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The book of Genesis is full of mayhem, monstrosities, and miracles. It chronicles the days of mankind leading up to the greatest catastrophe that ever occurred to the human race – the Noachian Flood – in which all mankind except for a select few were wiped out from existence.

Astonishing things occurred then which are being repeated in the earth today. To know the future we should study the past. Mankind today is ignorant of the past, and of the calamities which befell mankind in ancient times. A disbelieving mankind repudiates the historicity of the Bible and its unembellished accounts of ancient events – despite all the tons of evidence that substantiate the truth of the Scriptures. But as the old saying goes, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.” Or, “The school of hard knocks is a hard school, but a fool will learn in no other.”

The story of civilization which led up to the calamitous Flood has great significance and prophetic meaning for us, today, in this awesome generation of science, technology and whiz-bang gadgets and special effects.

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, said of our generation, “As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark, and they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt.24:37-39, Amplified Parallel Bible).

There are awesome parallels between the days leading up to the Flood, and the days leading up to the second coming of Christ to rule the world!

### *The Days of Noah*

In the book of Genesis we read, “When men began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all they desired and chose. Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever dwell and strive with man, for he also is flesh; but his days shall yet be 120 years.

“There were giants on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God lived with the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown” (Gen.6:1-4).

What have we here? Who were these strange “sons of God”? As Bullinger points out in the Companion Bible, “It is only by the Divine specific act of creation that any created being can be called ‘a son of God.’ For that which is ‘born of the flesh is flesh.’ . . . Hence Adam is called a ‘son of God’ in Luke 3:38. Those ‘in Christ’ having ‘the new nature’ which is by the direct creation of God (II Cor.5:17, Eph.2:10) can be, and are called ‘sons of God’ (John 1:12, Rom.8:14, 15, John 3:1). This is why angels are called ‘sons of God’ in every other place where the expression is used in the Old Testament (Job 1:6; 2:1, 38:7, Psa.29:1, 89:6, Dan.3:25). We have no authority or right to take the expression in Genesis 6:2, 4, in any other sense. Moreover, in Gen.6:2 the Sept. renders it ‘angels.’” (Companion Bible, Appendix 23).

The Jewish historian Josephus, in his monumental work *Antiquities of the Jews*, speaks of the world before the Flood. He tells us, “Now this posterity of Seth continued to esteem God as Lord of the universe, and to have an entire regard to virtue, for seven generations; but in process of time they were perverted, and forsook the practices of their forefathers, and did neither pay those honors to God which were appointed them, nor had they any concern to do justice towards men. But for what degree of zeal they had formerly shown for virtue, they now showed by their actions a double degree of wickedness, whereby they made God to be their enemy; *for many angels of God accompanied [cohabited] with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength, for the tradition is that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call GIANTS*” (*Ant.*, bk.1, 3:1).

Bullinger says of these offspring of the angels and women, “The progeny of the fallen angels with the daughters of Adam . . . are called in Gen.6, *Nephilim*, which means *fallen ones* (from *naphal*, to *fall*). What these beings were can be gathered only from Scripture. They were evidently great in size, as well as great in wickedness. They were superhuman, abnormal beings; and their destruction was necessary for the preservation of the human race” (Appendix 25).

What was the result of this contamination of the human race by interbreeding with fallen “angels,” or “aliens”? The word of God goes on, saying, “The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all

human thinking was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart” (Gen.6:5-6).

The Word of God continues, “The earth was depraved and putrid in God’s sight, and the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power). And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased, and vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction” (Gen.6:11-12).

The ancient book of Jubilees parallels the Genesis account. Composed by Levites about two centuries before Christ, based on oral teachings and traditions handed down carefully from the ancient times, it records: “And it happened, when the sons of the children of men commenced to increase over the face of the whole earth and daughters were born to them, that the angels of the Lord saw them in one year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took unto themselves wives from all of them whomever they chose, and they bore them sons, and these were giants. And injustice increased over the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, from men to animals and to beasts and to birds and to all that walks upon the earth; all corrupted their ways and their orders and began to devour each other [cannibalism!], and unrighteousness increased over all the earth, and all the thoughts of the knowledge of all the sons of men were thus wicked all the days” (Jubilees 5:1-2).

Jubilees continues, “And Noah alone found grace before the eyes of the Lord. And concerning the angels whom he had sent upon the earth, he was greatly enraged, that he would root them out of all their power; and he said to us that we should bind them in the depths of the earth; and behold they are bound in the midst of them (depths) and separate. And against their children came a word from before the face of the Lord, that they should be slain with the sword and removed from under heaven. And he said: ‘My spirit shall not abide over men forever, for they are flesh; *and let their days be one hundred and twenty years.*’ And he sent into the midst his sword that each should slay his neighbor; and they began to slay one the other until they all fell upon the sword and were destroyed from the earth. And their fathers [the fallen angels] witnessed it; and after that these were bound in the depths of the earth, until the day of the great judgment for the coming of punishment unto eternity . . .” (Jubilees 5:4-9).

### *Jasher’s Account*

The book of Jasher is another ancient text which is even referred to in the Scriptures themselves, quoted as a reliable and historical text (see Joshua 10:13 and II Sam.1:18). The book of Jasher also relates the story of the great apostasy that occurred before the Flood – the turning away from the truth and way of God. A similar great apostasy, or falling away from the truth, is also foretold for our day, at the end of this age of human misrule and wickedness! (see II Thess.2:3-4).

In Jasher we read: “But in the latter days of Methuselah, the sons of men turned from the Lord, they corrupted the earth, they robbed and plundered each other, and they

rebelled against God and they transgressed, and they corrupted their ways, and would not hearken to the voice of Methuselah, but rebelled against him. And the Lord was exceedingly wroth against them, and the Lord continued to destroy the seed in those days, so that there was neither sowing nor reaping in the earth. For when they sowed the ground in order that they might obtain food for their support, behold, thorns and thistles was produced which they did not sow” (Jasher 4:4-6).

Apparently, mankind had also corrupted the seeds of plants, trying to “improve” and “genetically modify” species, and it resulted in massive famine and starvation around the world! This type of research is also an ongoing phenomenon of modern chemistry and agriculture, and it will no doubt also result in massive contamination of crops, destruction of produce, and worldwide famine!

Jasher describes that world, saying, “And all the sons of men DEPARTED from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices and they continued sinning against the Lord. And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence” (Jasher 4:16-17).

In those days, “the sons of men took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and TAUGHT THE MIXING OF ANIMALS OF ONE SPECIES WITH THE OTHER, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth, and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals” (v.18).

In other words, “scientists” before the Flood were mixing the gene pool of animals, beasts, birds and earth’s creatures, striving to create new hybrid species, mutants, and strange new animals! This very same kind of research is rampant today in university and medical laboratories, where even designer plagues and diseases are being created by the madness of men and governments.

At this time, the good men in the earth began to die off. Jasher explains, “And all men who walked in the ways of the Lord, died in those days, before the Lord brought the evil upon man which he had declared, for this was from the Lord, that they should not see the evil which the Lord spoke of concerning the sons of men” (v.20).

Jasher continues, “And after the lapse of many years, in the four hundred and eightieth year of the life of Noah, when all those men who followed the Lord had died away from amongst the sons of men, and only Methuselah was left, God said unto Noah and Methuselah, saying, Speak ye, and proclaim to the sons of men, saying, Thus saith the Lord, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass.

“For thus saith the Lord, *Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years*; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, saith the Lord.

“And Noah and Methuselah spoke all the words of the Lord to the sons of men, day after day, constantly speaking to them. But the sons of men would not hearken to them, nor incline their ears to their words, and they were stiff-necked. *And the Lord granted them a PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS*, saying, If they will return, then will God repent of the evil, so as not to destroy the earth” (Jasher 5:6-11).

Mankind before the Flood did not listen. They were too engrossed in their wickedness and enflamed by their lusts and sins, greed and gluttony, cruelty and abusiveness, anger and madness. They adamantly refused to repent and turn from their wicked ways and extreme folly!

The earth was utterly corrupted, largely because mankind was seduced by that old serpent the devil, and his host of evil angels, who led mankind astray and into rebellion against the true, pure, holy ways of God.

### ***Testimony of Enoch***

Enoch, also, spoke of this evil that came because of the wickedness of man, and the evil angels, or aliens, who corrupted them and taught them the ways of evil inventions, machinations, politics, and vanity, intrigues and conspiracies.

The book of Enoch has come down to us in the ancient Ethiopic language and been translated, and is quoted directly by the apostle Jude in the New Testament. Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation from Adam, is quoted as saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints), to execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him” (Jude 14-15, Amplified Parallel Bible).

Enoch also corroborates the Genesis account of the interference of angels in the human gene pool, by mixing angelic DNA with human DNA, through sexual intercourse with human females. Even today, stories of human abductions by mysterious “aliens” who sexually manipulate and experiment upon them, have been recounted myriads of times in investigative reports and literature on paranormal activities.

Enoch declared: “It happened after the sons of men multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamored of them, saying to each other: Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children” (Enoch 7:1-2).

About two hundred angels bound themselves by mutual oaths, to do this thing, acknowledging that it was a “grievous crime” (v.4). Enoch says, “Then they swore all together, and all bound themselves by mutual execrations. Their whole number was two hundred, who descended upon Ardis, which is the top of Mount Armon. . . . Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantation, and the dividing of roots and trees [that is, witchcraft, spells, and Harry Potter style “magic”!]. And they conceiving brought forth GIANTS” (Enoch 7:10-11).

Enoch continues, in chapter 8, “Moreover Azazyel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breast plates, made them see that which was behind them and the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments, the use of paint, the beautifying of the eyebrows, the use of stones of every valuable and select kind, and of all sorts of dyes, so that *the world became altered*. Azazel or Azazyel is another name for Satan the devil.

“Impiety increased, fornication multiplied; and they transgressed and corrupted all their ways” (Enoch 8:1-2).

Men cried out to God, because of all the tribulation, distress, and suffering that came upon the earth. The angels of God reported to God, “Thou hast made all things; thou possessest power over all things; and all things are open and manifest before thee. Thou beholdest all things, and nothing can be concealed from thee.

“Thou hast seen what Azazyel has done, how he has taught every species of iniquity upon earth, and has disclosed to the world all the secret things which are done in the heavens. Samyaza also has taught sorcery, to whom thou hast given authority over all those who are associated with him. They have gone unto the daughters of men; have lain with them; have become polluted; and have discovered crimes to them. The women likewise have brought forth GIANTS. Thus has the whole earth been filled with blood and with iniquity. And now behold the souls of those who are dead cry out, and complain even to the gate of heaven” (Enoch 9:4-11).

Remember, Yeshua the Messiah said in plain language, “*As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man*” (Matt.24:37).

The world today is rapidly becoming just like it was during the days of Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah! Once again, great wickedness is filling the earth! Great immorality, sexual depravity, and corruption is polluting the earth! Once again, violence and the threat of international violence and terrifying wars are escalating around the earth!

And Christ said, “All this is but the *beginning* [the early pains] of the *birth pangs* [of the intolerable anguish]” (Matthew 24:8, Amplified Parallel Bible).

So amazingly, the description of the woes and crimes of mankind, and the wicked angels, was a frightening TYPE and EXAMPLE of what conditions on the earth would be like *in the generation that will see and experience the return of the Messiah!*

But what about the “120 years”? How are we to understand them? What significance do they have for our end-time generation? Do they help pinpoint the final “end-time generation” and give us a clue, or hint, as to WHEN that time will occur?

### *The Mysterious 120 Years*

God said His Spirit would not always strive with man, but that He would give him 120 years. The books of Jubilees and Jasher both show that God gave mankind 120 years of powerful warnings, from Methuselah and Noah, preachers of righteousness, of their impending doom and judgement, before the Flood came upon the world and wiped out every last man except those left alive on the Ark, who numbered eight souls.

The Flood occurred in 2348 B.C., according to the chronology of James Ussher, the most famous Christian scholar of his time. Therefore, the time of warning began 120 years before that or 2468 B.C.

Biblical prophecy is often *dual* in fulfillment. That is, there is often a forerunner, or “type” fulfillment, and then the final, end-time fulfillment. Does this mean that there will be a final 120 years witness leading up to the second coming of the Messiah, who will once again bring judgment and devastation upon a wicked, sinning mankind?

When Christ returns, He will judge the nations in righteous fury and with Divine vengeance!

One key explanation of the “120 years” interprets them as “Jubilee years.” That is, the ancient Jubilee cycle God gave His people is a 50 year cycle. 120 Jubilee cycles would mean a period of  $120 \times 50$  or 6000 years in fulfillment. Adam was created in 4004 B.C. Six thousand years from that time brings us to the year 1997 A.D.

What is the significance of that date?

One Jubilee cycle, or 50 years, before that date brings us to 1947 – the year of the United Nations resolution to divide the Holy Land and partition it to restore the state or nation of Israel, on their ancient territory!

Fifty years before that date, another Jubilee cycle, takes us to 1897. That was the year when the modern Zionist movement began. Zionism is the movement designed to reestablish the Jewish state in Palestine, the ancient homeland of the Jews. Theodore Hertzl, an Austrian journalist who covered the Alfred Dreyfus trial in France, developed political Zionism, which worked for political recognition of the Jewish claim for a Palestine homeland.

Hertzl was a reporter at the famous trial in 1894 of Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew, the French army officer who was falsely charged and convicted of treason. The Dreyfus trial convinced Hertzl that if anti-Semitism could be such a powerful force in an enlightened nation such as France, which boasted of freedom, equality, and fraternity, then Jews could not assimilate in a non-Jewish society. To Hertzl, the only solution was to establish a Jewish nation – an independent Jewish state.

Hertzl organized the Zionist movement on a worldwide scale at the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897.

The movement gained momentum during World War I, with the passage of the Balfour Declaration, in Great Britain, in 1917, which pledged British support for a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. Turkey, the previous ruler of Palestine, had been defeated by the British and driven out of the region, in World War I.

In 1947, the United Nations approved the partition of Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state. This was the end of one Jubilee cycle, 1897-1947. The following Jubilee cycle ended in 1997, which was also the end of 6,000 years (120 Jubilees) from the creation of Adam and Eve.

Interestingly, if we count “120 years” from 1897, and the beginning of political Zionism and the movement for Jews to return to Palestine and establish a Jewish state, it brings us to 2017 – just six years from now – as the time when the end-time warning of 120 years would be completed, and “all hell” will break out on the earth, culminating in the awesome return of Jesus Christ to punish sinners and to save the world from utter, total destruction, annihilation of all life on the planet, and establish the Kingdom of God!

Does this scenario “add up”?

Interestingly, too, a Biblical “generation” is given as 70 years (Psalm 90:10). Moses wrote, “The days of our lives are seventy years.” Christ compares Israel to a “fig tree.” He declared that when the fig tree blossomed and put forth leaves, we would know that summer is near. Even so, He said, “when you see all these things” – including the blossoming forth of the state of Israel in the end-times – “know that it is near, even at the doors!” (Matt.24:32-33). What is near? His second coming!

He went on, “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation” – that is, the final 70 year generation that witnesses these things – “will by no means pass away till ALL THESE THINGS take place” (Matt.24:34).

Israel was mandated by the UN in 1947. It became a state in May, 1948. Seventy years, or one generation, counting from those points, brings us to the 2017 and 2018.

And finally proof number #3 – the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 states that 70 weeks would occur, or pass, from the restoration of Jerusalem till the coming of the Messiah (verse 24). A “week” in Hebrew is *shavuah*, and “weeks” is *Shavuot*. The



Feast of Weeks, or *Shavuot*, occurs once a year in the spring. 70 Festivals of Shavuot would therefore be 70 years. The prophecy says to count from “the going forth of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince” (v.25). The command to restore Jerusalem to the Jews and to restore the state of Israel was issued by the United Nations in 1947. Israel declared its Independence May 14, 1948. So 70 *shavuot* would equal 70 years and bring us to the year 2017-2018!

Awesome! Astounding! Mind-boggling! I have never seen any convergencd of Biblical prophecies so compelling, so powerful, so clear-cut and precise, as this!

Notice!

1897 to 2017 = 120 years	First Congress of Zionism till Messiah
1897 to 1997 = 100 years (2 Jubilees)	First Congress of Zionism till 6000 years
1897 to 1947 = 50 years (1 Jubilee)	1st Congress of Zionism till UN mandate
1917 to 1967 = 50 years (1 Jubilee)	Balfour Declaration till Six Day War
1967 to 2017 = 50 years (1 Jubilee)	Six Day War till Messiah
1947 to 1997 = 50 years (1 Jubilee)	UN mandate till end of 6000 years
1947 to 2017 = 70 years (1 gen.)	UN mandate till Messiah

What an astonishing alignment of prophetic dates and fulfilled prophecies!

Are you ready to face the coming of the Lord?

The Almighty God declared to Noah’s generation, “Thus saith the Lord, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass. For thus saith the Lord, Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, saith the Lord” (Jasher 5:7-8).

That generation refused to repent. And the Flood came upon them.

Our generation is equally wicked, and very few are willing to get serious about these things, and to repent. They also will be equally punished – this time by fiery vengeance poured out in divine fury. Says the prophet Joel, “For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?” (Joel 2:11). “Now therefore, says the LORD, Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness” (Joel 2:12-13).

God cries out to this final generation, “Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:30-31). Are you ready to face the Lord when He comes?