



## As it was in the Days of Noah

*"...Until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so, shall the coming of the Son of man be" (Mathew 24: 38-39).*

*"... And the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come into his temple...." (Malachi 3: 1).*

*"...I will return, and build again the tabernacle of David, which is broken down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord...." (Acts 15: 16-17).*

*"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock" (Psalm 27: 5).*

### **Midnight is Here**

We live in very precarious times, the end of time is here, the earth is covered with darkness, and the people are covered with gross darkness. The hearts of many are failing them for fear of what is coming upon the earth. Much of the world is living in fear and uncertainty of what is happening and may happen. There is unprecedented unwholesome rivalry among the nations of the world in almost all areas leading to mutual suspicion, nuclear race, cyberwar, heightened tension, and instability in many parts of the world.

Extremism has become the order of the day in today's world. Political ideology has either gone extreme right or extreme left. Islamist extremist are threatening world peace like never before in world history. Tentacles and axis of evil appear to be springing up and growing in virtually all parts of the world wreaking havoc and leaving blood and tears in their trail wherever they are found. The world has not been spared by incessant devastating natural hazards occasioned and fueled

by what is today described as global warming and climate change. The current global pandemic known as COVID 19 is ravaging our world, and has literally changed the world and left in its trail death, severe illness, trauma, pain, and tears. It is midnight indeed for the world.

The church that is supposed to be the light of the world appears to have lost focus, and the light in the church has become darkness, the whole body has become full of darkness (Mathew 6: 23). The light of the church has become darkness, and consequently the earth is covered with darkness, and the people are covered with gross darkness. How great is this darkness!

The church must wake up from her slumber, and trim her lamp, and get some extra oil into the lamp before it is too late. The lamp of God in the Temple has gone out, and the eyes of our leaders in the church has begun to wax dim, and many have lost their vision in pursuit of vain earthly glory, and they can no longer see (I Samuel 3: 2-3). The midnight cry is already on, the alarm has already sounded, the five wise virgins are arising and trimming their lamps as the Lord raises a new ark that will bring deliverance on the earth “Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5: 14-15). “...Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now, is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.....” (Romans 13; 11-12).

### As in the Days of Noah

In the midst of all these, the question we want to ask ourselves is where is God in all of these. God has a PLAN. He has a plan like he did in days of Noah. In the days before the flood, God was busy preparing a vessel of deliverance, an ark that would save Noah and his family from the trouble that was to come upon the earth. God is always right on time with his program of deliverance. No matter how bad the situation may appear to be, everything is under God’s control. God is preparing a vessel of deliverance for his people, and also a means of judgement for his enemies just as he did in the days of Noah.

*“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my father only, BUT AS THE DAYS OF NO ’E WERE, SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No é entered into the ark, and knew not UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME, AND TOOK THEM AWAY; so, shall also the coming of the Son of man” (Mathew 24: 36-39).*

Jesus is saying here that these last days will bear a striking similarity to the days in which Noah lived. Most of the time when we read this scripture we very often focus on “eating and drinking and getting married”, and this is true, it is an indication of the vain glory that continues to overtake man. But it is

interesting to note that it was righteous Noah and his son's that were protected, and kept save in the ark, and eventually left behind to inherit the earth. It was the wicked that were actually "taken away" and destroyed by the flood.

The most interesting part of it all was while the wicked were doing their own thing, and the world lieth in darkness, God was also busy preparing a vessel to keep his own people safe, and to protect them from the flood. In the same way today, God is preparing an ark, a vessel to protect and keep his people safe from all the atrocities of this end time flood. What the Lord is preparing is not a physical ark or vessel like it was in the days of Noah but it is a covering over God's people, it is God's people coming into an awareness of the Name of the Lord as a Strong Tower and walking in the spirit and in the light of the truth of God's word.

Yes, God is in the process of building a house in these last days, He is building a house not with physical bricks but with living stones. This habitation of God through the spirit will be a mighty vessel of deliverance in the time of judgement in these last days.

God is building a vessel, he is building a habitation for himself in these last days. It is not a physical building or vessel *"Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet" (Acts 7: 48).*

The Lord is preparing to bring forth a man child company as reflected in Revelation Chapter 12 who will rule all nations with a rod of iron: The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies, until all the enemies of the Lord are made his footstool. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (**Psalm 110: 1-3**). This is the vessel that is presently in building. The whole creations are groaning and, in much travail, waiting for the revealing, completion of this vessel (the sons of God) (**Romans 8:19**).

*"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly fumed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lod: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God though the Spirit" (Ephesians 2: 20-22)*

*"Hear my cry, o God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cy unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings (Psalm 61: 1-4). "The Name of the LORD is a strong Tower: the righteous man runs into it and he is safe" (Proverbs 18:10).*

The LORD shall return to his people in this last days, and he will rebuild the broken tabernacle of David. He shall come suddenly into his temple, and he will

restore the wasted years, the years that the caterpillar and the cancer worm has eaten.

*“After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up” (Acts 15:16)*

*“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts (Malachi 3:1)*

*“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God” (Revelation 21: 3).*

### **God is Building a Vessel (a People) of Deliverance**

In the days just before the flood, God was busy preparing a vessel of deliverance, an ark that would save Noah and his family, and God used Noah to do this....

*“And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them and behold I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shall thou make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch. AND THIS IS THE FASHION THAT THOU SHALT MAKE IT OF: the **length** of the ark shall be **THREE HUNDRED CUBITS**, and the **breadth** of it **FIFTY CUBITS**, and the **height** of it **THIRTY CUBITS**. A window shall make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with **lower, second, and third** stories shalt thou make it” (Genesis 6: 13-16).*

It is important to note that God gave very clear instructions to Noah on how the ark was to be built. It wasn't left to the whims and caprices of Noah. The specifications were clearly spelt out to Noah. God gave specific instructions on the architecture of the ark and he insisted that those instruction be strictly followed in the building of the ark. There must be some significance to the instructions and measurements that God gave to Noah in the building of the ark. There are imports to the measurements that God gave to Noah, they were not just mere figures. The bible is a prophetic book. The figures given to Noah have prophetic imports.

As we wait on the LORD and prepare to reposition ourselves and brace up for whatever is coming our way in this midnight hour, we need to prepare ourselves and consciously get into the ark as they did in the days of Noah. This requires proper understanding and discernment of what is expected of us and what the Lord is saying to us in this present time.

It is important we note that the dimensions of the vessel that God instructed Noah to prepare were 30 (thirty), 50 (fifty), and 300 (three hundred). These figures are not accidental. God is saying something here to us. These numbers are all very significant in the bible. The use of these numbers and their meaning have been very consistent in the bible. That these numbers played significant roles in the building of the vessel of deliverance in Noah's day is not in doubt. They must be important in what God is doing and saying to us in these last days as well.

God is using the ark to speak to us about the sons of God. God is speaking to us about the overcomer company that will be birthed in these last days to form a glorious vessel that will be God's habitation that will house God's fullness and bring deliverance to all humanity "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit"(Ephesians 2: 19-22).

What does the size of Noah's ark have to do with us today? Jesus said as it was in the day of Noah so shall it be in this day. It will be beneficial for us to examine what the bible has to say about the three numbers mentioned in the construction of Noah's ark

"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. So, the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. **When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory**" (Psalm 102: 13-16). "But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions..... And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's" (Obadiah 1: 17, 21).

### **The Number "Three Hundred"**

The number 300 in the scriptures is associated with victory and deliverance in tough circumstances. There were thirty-two thousand people that volunteered and came out to fight with Gideon against the host of the midianites, but the Lord said to Gideon the people who are with you are too many for me to give the midianites into their hands lest they boast saying that our hands has delivered us. God in the end raised an ark of 300 people out of this number that God used as a vehicle of deliverance for the whole nation of Israel. It is also interesting to note that there were 3 stories in Noah's ark each of them 300 cubits long to make the complete ark. Gideon's 300 men were also divided into 3 companies to make a complete army that brought total deliverance to all of Israel.

"And the LORD said unto Gideon, By **the three hundred men** that lapped will I save you, and deliver the midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. So, the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel everyman

unto his tent, and retained those **three hundred men**: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

And he divided the **three hundred men** into **three** companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitches, and lamps within the pitchers. And the **three** companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands and the trumpet in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord and of Gideon. And the **three hundred** blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled...." (Judges 7: 7,8,16,20,22).

This looked more like a suicide mission, with **three hundred** men fighting against a great multitude of vicious warriors. But the **three hundred** had God on their side, and that made a huge difference. The 300 had no sword in their hands. In the natural they went about it the foolish way, they exposed themselves, they broke their pitchers and exposed themselves by allowing their lamp to shine defenselessly. Yet God gave them total victory over their enemy.

God is raising men and women, in these last days who will not trust in what they have physically. It not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God (**Psalm 20: 7**). Our deliverance in this dark hour will come from listening to the Lord and obeying his instruction, even when it doesn't make sense. As many as are led by the spirit are the sons of the Lord. We cannot fight the enemy using his own weapons. We have to use the Lord's weapon to defeat the enemy. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but they are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds (**2 Corinthians 10: 4**).

God is raising an ark, a people out of a people like Gideon's army who will not trust in their intellect or physical ability but who will depend wholly on the Lord to lead the way, for the Lord has promised that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death he will not leave us nor forsake us. There is a church within the church that the Lord is raising in this midnight hour who will hear the cry of the alarm at midnight and wake up from their slumber.

At midnight a cry was made, and that cry woke the 10 virgins from their sleep. The five wise virgins were separated from the foolish virgin at midnight because they had extra oil in their vessel. God is raising another David in this midnight hour who will bring down Goliath that has been terrorizing God's people. This ark, this David is in building right now and it will manifest very soon, they will bring deliverance to God's people "for we know that the whole creation groaneth and travail in pain together until now.... Waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God" (**Roman 8: 22,19**).

### **Three Hundred Shield of Beaten Gold**

“And he made **three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went to one shield**: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon” (**I Kings 7: 17**).

Here is another example where 3 and 300 were used together in the scriptures. There is a message in the combination of these figures. The focus here is the shield. Shields are implements of war. Shields are meant to protect, to deflect every fiery darts of the enemy. Notice also that these shields are made of gold. Gold speaks of the divine nature of God. Gold speaks of that which is of God, that which is divine. Beaten Gold is that which has been processed under the heat and the hammer “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (**I Peter 1: 7**).

The Lord is separating a people unto himself in these last days. He is taking them through very difficult and trying circumstances. He is testing them just like Gideon’s army were tested by the stream to see those who will drop their weapons and lap the water with both hands, and those who will hold their weapons in one hand and lap the water with the other hand. God is processing a people by taking them through the heat of the fire and the pressure of the hammer so that they can come forth at the end as instrument of great deliverance in the hands of the Lord “.... As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth” (**Isaiah 66: 8**).

Enoch in the scriptures walked with God **300 hundred years** (**Genesis 5: 22**), and then he passed through the vail into the presence of the Lord without going by the way of physical death. A mighty deliverance and victory over death. A great deliverance from the bondage of death. He accomplished this after walking with God for **300 years** – the number of supernatural deliverances.

We find a very interesting story of a woman in the scriptures who anointed the body of Jesus shortly before his death. She had an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious, she broke the box, and poured the oil on the head of Jesus. The box of ointment is worth about **300 pence**. Some people present at the occasion thought it was a waste and that the woman should have sold the ointment for **300 pence** and given the money to the poor. But Jesus responded by saying leave her alone for she has come to anoint my body for burial. This that woman has done shall be spoken in her honour wherever the gospel is preached (**Mark 14: 3-6**).

We also see in the Tabernacle of Moses that there are three compartments which are separated by three different entrances. Each of them has 100 square cubits of materials. Passing through the final vail in the tabernacle makes a total of **three hundred square cubits**. This speaks of fullness, it speaks of the great victory that comes through walking through all the spiritual experiences that are typified in walking through the three compartment of the tabernacle - outer court, holy place and holy of holies.

## “Thirty Cubits High”

The next dimension of Noah’s ark is the height .....” And the height of it THIRTY CUBITS.” (Genesis 6:15). We see in the scriptures that Solomon’s Temple was also thirty cubits high (I Kings 6: 2).

The number “**thirty**” in the scriptures stands for maturity, it stands for full stature –

“And Joseph was **Thirty years** old when he stood before pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of pharaoh, and went throughout all the Land of Egypt” (Genesis 41:46).

“David was **Thirty years** old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years” (II Samuel 5:4).

“And Jesus himself began to be about **Thirty years** of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli (Luke 3: 23).

The lessons here are enormous, the examples of Joseph, David, and even that of our Lord Jesus Christ shows that all attained the prophetic age of **thirty** before they stepped into their respective place of power and authority and dominion. Jesus started his ministry on earth when he attained the age of thirty.

**Thirty** is the age of maturity. It is the number of full stature. It is therefore not surprising that the height of Noah’s ark was **30 cubits**. God is raising another ark in these last days to bring protection and deliverance to his people. It is not a physical ark like the ark of Noah but it is a people, an endtime Gideon’s army that God is preparing, and they shall be mature men and women in the spirit.

The principle is the same. The people that the Lord is raising in this last days must come to maturity. They must not be babes in the things of the spirit. They must come to the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. They must not be men tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, and the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness of men waiting to deceive (Ephesians 4: 13-14). They must be people who speak the truth in love, and who are growing up into Christ (are like Christ) in **ALL** things (Ephesians 4: 15).

The prophet Joel so aptly described in Joel Chapter two the nature and character of the people that the Lord is preparing to bring forth in this end time.

“The Lord is doing a great work upon this mount Zion, he is blowing the trumpet, and sounding the alarm upon his holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, and it is at hand – the Lord is raising a great and strong people. The like of this people has never been before, neither will there be any like them for many generations to come. A fire shall devour before them, and behind them a



flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing shall escape them.

The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the top of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of the fire devoureth the stubble, as strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; they shall climb the wall like men of war; **and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: neither shall one trust another; they shall walk everyone in his path:** and they shall fall upon the sword, and they shall not be wounded.

They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall shake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his great army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" (Joel 2: 1-11).

### “Fifty Cubits Wide”

“..... the breadth of it **fifty cubits**, ...” (Genesis 6: 15).

We want to take notice at this point that Noah’s ark was **fifty cubits** wide. We have already seen that God is raising a company of people symbolized in the **300 cubits of the length of Noah’s ark**. This company of people must come into full maturity, they must come to the stature of the fullness of Christ that they might manifest the glory of God in these last days symbolized in the **30 cubits in the height of Noah’s ark**.

**Fifty** is the number of Pentecost. The word “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “pentekoste” meaning fifty or fiftieth. It was used three times in the scriptures, and each time it refers to the Jewish festival of feast of Pentecost, known in the Old Testament as the Feasts of Weeks (Deuteronomy 16: 16), the Harvest Feasts or the Feast of First Fruits (Leviticus 23:17).

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place**. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance**” (Acts 2: 1-4). The Church in Acts chapter 2 was born via the unstoppable power of the holy ghost, and the believers then were led by the holy Spirit all through. But the glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month” (Joel 2: 23).

**Fifty** is also the number of Jubilee. It is the number of freedoms, the number of deliverances “And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim **liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants therof**: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and you shall return everyman unto his family. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which growth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase therof out of the field. In the year of this jubilee **ye shall return every man unto his possessions...**” (**Leviticus 25: 10-13**). All that was lost in the fall of Adam is to be restored (everyman shall return to his possessions), and much more shall be restored to God’s people for the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former.

The house of God that he is building for a habitation for himself through the spirit, shall be greater than anything that was there at the beginning.

“Now he which establishes us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath sealed us, and given us the earnest of the spirit in our hearts” (**2 Corinthians: 21-22**)

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” (**Ephesians 1: 13-14**)

“But upon mount Zion (in this building of the Lord) shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions....., And **saviours (deliverers) shall come up on mount Zion** to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD’s” (**Obadiah 1: 17,21**).

Every yoke shall be broken, every burden shall be lifted. There shall be deliverance upon this mountain, and there shall be holiness as well. Then deliverers shall go forth out of this mountain to set many others free. Yes, the Lord whom we wait for shall come suddenly into his temple, the fullness of salvation, the fullness of God’s spirit shall come to us whom he has chosen to be his habitation, his house in this end time “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him (eagerly waiting for him) shall he appear the second time without sin (to bring full salvation) unto salvation” (**Hebrews 9:28**).

**AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, SO SHALL IT BE ALSO IN THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN.**

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