

## The Days of Noah vs TODAY

### **The signs of the Times and the End of the age**

Matthew 24:3 says now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you.**"

Jesus answered both questions, but not in order.

**First**, He gave a warning that dealt with the course of this age and climaxed in verse 14 (**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**) with the purpose of the Church during this age. Jesus did not answer these questions according to a chronological order, but topically. He did not indicate the present age would continue for over 2000 years after the temple was destroyed. Jesus wanted His followers to be more concerned about being ready for His coming than exactly when it would occur. **Secondly**, the disciples' curiosity about the times and the seasons and their desire for a sign was dangerous. People would be able to take advantage of this curiosity, deceive them and turn them aside from the simple teachings of the gospel.

Pastors' have said time and time again that we can know the season, or we are in the season of the Lord's return. But are they wrong by saying that? Because scripture says in **Acts 1:7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.**

Read Matthew 24:5-13

The word "MANY" in vs 5,10,11,12 is the Greek word **POLLOS** which means much, largely, abundant, and great.

Explain briefly on verses 15-35

The abomination of desolation is a prophetic event found in the book of Daniel (Daniel 12:11) and referred to by Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:15). Though it has historical fulfillments, there is also a future fulfillment when daily sacrifices will be offered in Jerusalem and then cut off and replaced by some sort of blasphemous display.

The word translated "abomination" is *shiqquwts*. "The Hebrew root for abomination is *shaqats*, [which means] 'to be filthy,' 'to loath,' 'to abhor'. It is most often used to describe idolatrous worship practices, especially those most offensive to a sense of decency and morality.

The word translated "desolation" (or "that which makes desolate") is *shamem*, and means "to destroy, lay waste, devastate; to be astonished ... something so horrible that it can leave a person speechless".

So when we put these words together, we learn that Daniel and Jesus were describing a foul and abhorrent thing that will horribly desecrate and devastate an area within the city of Jerusalem (Washington DC).

Read Matthew 24:36-39

Here Jesus stated clearly what He implied all through this chapter. The disciples wanted to know the time of His coming. The Father has not chosen to reveal the time even to His angels and the Son.

**Mark 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.** But do you think right now that Jesus knows when He is coming back for the church.

**Philippians 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

2 Peter 2:4-11 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 wicked 8 (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. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

What is it; in particular, about “The Days of Noah” that God wants us to understand? Some of the events that occurred in Noah’s day are recorded in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. In the Old Testament these events are recorded in the book of Genesis. Regarding this and other Old Testament scriptures we read in, Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Daniel 12:4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 **But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.**

There is a good reason we need an understanding of the days of Noah. It is because, the condition of mankind and the activities of God, in the past, are in the process of being repeated in the present which will result in similar future consequences.

We are going to look at the similarities between the past and the present.

### **1. The Practice of Mankind.**

**The Days of Noah** - We read in, (Genesis 6:5b, 11, 12b) “Every imagination of the thoughts of his (man’s) heart was only evil continually”. (Hebrew word for “imagination” is *yestor* meaning a form; fig. conception = not only the imagination but also the purposes and desires). 11“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence”. 12b“All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth”. And, in addition, we read in, Matthew 24:38 “They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark”.

In other words they were busy with the common ordinary affairs of life. These were ordinary activities, things that seemed not wrong in themselves. The problem was, they had no time for God, no thoughts of God. They refused to believe the gospel message preached by Noah. They were outside the place of safety from God’s coming judgment. They were *unconvinced, unpardoned, unconverted and unsaved*. All their purposes and desires, before a holy and righteous God, were evil in nature. Violence was wide spread in the earth. Genesis 6:13 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.**

**The Days of Now** - Just as in Noah’s day, man today is busy with life, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling, and so on. Man is too busy for God. Man is ignoring God’s warning of impending judgment and will not accept God’s offer of a free salvation declared in the gospel message. All we need to do is read or hear the daily news reports, regarding conditions in the world, to realize that corruption and violence fill the earth today more than ever before. Time has not changed or improved the sinful condition of man. The Bible paints a very dark picture concerning man, and if we are honest with ourselves, we will have to admit that God’s picture of man is true to life. Man is an ungodly sinner. God’s portrait of mankind is found in, Romans 3:9-23 “Jews and Gentiles, they are all under sin”. “There is none righteous, no not one”. “There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God”. “There is none that does good, no, not one”. “There is no fear of God before their eyes”. 23 All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. All the world is guilty (subject to judgment) before God.

The guilt of sin applies to ALL mankind, to all who are born of human father and mother. Man is a sinner by nature and by practice. Each of us came into this world possessed of a sinful nature which makes us sinners by birth.

**Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

We inherited this from our parents and they, in turn, from their parents, all the way back to our first parents, Adam and Eve. Because man has a sinful nature within, sinful practices soon manifest themselves without. What is in the *root* of man's nature will be seen later in the *fruit* of their doings. Though all may not have sinned alike, or to the same degree, yet all alike have sinned in some degree. The first step in salvation and receiving forgiveness of sins is "repentance". "Repentance" is a change of mind with regard to sins. It means to think differently about your sins and your sinful condition. God says in His Word, **Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.** He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

**Luke 13:2-3** And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

## **2. The God's insight of Mankind**

**The Days of Noah** – We read in, **(Genesis 6:5, 11, 12) "GOD SAW that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually". Vs 11 "The earth also was corrupt BEFORE GOD and the earth was filled with violence". Vs 12 "And GOD LOOKED upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth".** The divine perception, no doubt, resulted in much divine displeasure. Nothing was hidden from the eyes of God. God saw it all. He saw all the sin, all the corruption and all the violence that filled the earth. But Noah could not see the horrible things of the world.

**Psalm 139:1-6** O Lord, you have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up. You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

**Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

**The Days of Now** – There is nothing hidden from the eyes of God in our day. The Word of God tells us in various scriptures that all things are naked and open before God. We read in, **(2 Chronicles 16:9) "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth". Psalm 33:13, 14 The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. 14 From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; (Proverbs 15:3) The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good. Job 34:2 "For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.**

Also, in **Psalm 14:2a** The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men"

Here is the Divine Perception. **Psalm 14:2b** "To see if there are any who understand, who seek God".

Here is the Divine Purpose. **Psalm 14:3** "They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt: there is none who does good, no, not one.

Here is the Divine Declaration. That all your words and ways are known to God. We will all stand before God.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## **3. The Statement from God to mankind.**

**The Days of Noah** – In **Genesis 6:6, 7, 13, 17; 6" And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart". 7 "And the LORD SAID, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth". 13 "And GOD SAID unto Noah, the end of all flesh is before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth". 17 "And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die".** Because of the condition of mankind, because of all the sin, violence and corruption, God pronounced judgment upon mankind. God issued a warning to the people of Noah's day.

God's words of warning were little heeded by the people at that time. Their unbelief however, did not alter the fact that, "the flood came, and took them all away" (Matthew 24:39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The judgment upon the people in Noah's day came at a specific point in time. It came in God's own appointed time. Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

Peter tells us in his epistle, 2 Peter 3:5-7 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Only Noah and the seven members of his family survived the judgment of God. They did so by simply believing God and obeying His instruction. Concerning all those who disobeyed God and rejected His provision for escape, we read in 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, their spirits are now in prison, the place called hell, waiting the resurrection to judgment and eternal banishment in the "Lake of Fire".

**The Days of Now** –The "Statement from God to mankind" is the same in our day. God has issued a warning in His Word. Because of sin, He has pronounced judgment upon this world. Acts 17:30, 31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Notice that God commands and demands repentance because judgment is coming. God has appointed a specific time, known only to Him, when His judgment will break forth.

**God has appointed the day. And, God has appointed the judge, His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.**

John 12:48 But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.

Romans 14:10-11 For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, **Every knee shall bow to Me,** And every tongue shall **confess to God.**"

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God warns in His Word;

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

How can we continue to go on carelessly, ignoring God's warning of impending judgment? How can people continue to reject God's offer of salvation explained in the gospel? They did in Noah's day until, "the flood came and took them all away". Judgment delayed is not judgment postponed. Because in **2 Peter 2:9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,**

Only a fool will deny that man's wickedness is as great, or even greater, than it has ever been and whether man believes it or not, the judgment threatened by God will come just as surely as it did in the days of Noah.

#### 4. The Provision of God

**The Days of Noah** – God said in, **Genesis 6:14, 18** Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

The Lord knew who was going to enter the ark because He just got done telling Noah specifically. In spite of man's wickedness, God offered the sinners of Noah's day a way of escape. God's provision and the place of shelter from the storm of God's wrath was the ark. No one listened to God's warning. **Genesis 7:21-24** And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. 23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

When the flood of God's judgment came, with the waters gushing up from the earth and pouring down from heaven, the ark endured the Divine anger represented by those waters. The raging waters beat upon the ark, yet the ark was not destroyed.

**The Days of Now** – In spite of man's wickedness today, God continues to offer a way of escape from coming judgment. The ark is a **type & shadow** of the Lord Jesus Christ. The provision of God for salvation today is His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. It says in, **John 3:16** “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. **1 John 4:14** “The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world”. **1 Timothy 1:15** “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”.

The raging waters in Noah's day are a symbol of wrath. The waters gushing up from the earth and pouring down from heaven are a picture of Calvary where Jesus died for our sins on the cross. The waters gushing up from the earth represent the hatred of man against Christ when He was hated, reproached, ridiculed and finally nailed to a wooden cross. The waters pouring down from heaven above represent the wrath and judgment of God upon the Savior in those three dark hours of Calvary.

**Matthew 27:45** says now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

It was during this time that in **Isaiah 53:6** “The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all”.

The Savior was, (**Isaiah 53:4**) “Stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted”.

An amazing statement was written in, (**Isaiah 53:10**) “It pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief: when You make His soul an offering for sin”.

In (Psalm 69) the Saviors suffering under the judgment of God, on the cross, is likened to Him sinking under a flood of waters. **In verses 1, 2, 15** says 1 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. 15. Let not the floodwater overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

The Lord Jesus Christ went to the cross of Calvary to die in our place. He died the death that we should have died. He paid the debt that we owed because of our sins. He endured the penalty that we should have endured.

The ark, having endured the Divine anger represented by those waters, emerged from them to stand at last on the Mount of Ararat. This is a symbolic picture of Christ's resurrection. **The word “Ararat” means “the curse reversed”**. For all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ the curse is reversed because it fell on Him who is guiltless, so that the guilty sinner might go free. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Jesus Christ is a living Savior. Death had no claim on Him. Death could not hold Him because He is the holy and sinless and He is the Son of God. **1 Peter 1:19-21** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for all of mankind.

## 5. The Plea of God

**The Days of Noah** – Genesis 7:1, 5, 7 vs 1 Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. God's Plea to Noah and his family was in the form of an invitation to come into the ark. vs 5 "And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him". vs 7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE SHELTER IN THE ARK IN ORDER TO BE SAVED FROM THE FLOOD OF GOD'S JUDGMENT. Noah and the seven members of his family were the only survivors of God's judgment. They were saved by simply believing God, and obeying His instruction.

Only those who went into the ark were saved from the judgment of God. Genesis 7:23 says So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

Concerning the others who were too busy for God and did not heed God's warning, they were destroyed.

**The Days of Now** – The Plea of God for the salvation of any sinner is illustrated by the events in Noah's day. FIRST, they believed God when He warned that the judgment was coming. This is the first step to salvation. We must believe that judgment awaits every sinner and awaits us personally.

SECONDLY, they obeyed God's instruction which came in the form of an invitation. "COME". Luke 14:17-24 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' 18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' 20 Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' 22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' 23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

God's instruction to YOU comes in the same form today. The Lord Jesus said in, Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Notice three important things from these words of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have;

1. *The Invitation* – The Lord says, "COME".

- a. You come to Him by **BELIEVING** in Him. (Acts 16:31) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved".
- b. You come to Him by **RECEIVING** Him. (John 1:12) "As many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power (the right or the authority) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name".
- c. You come to Him by reaching out in faith and **ACCEPTING** God's free gift of eternal life. (Romans 6:23) "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".

2. *The Qualification* – "All you who labor and are heavy laden". In order to truly come to Christ you must feel the burden and weight of your sin. It is only then that you will repent and confess your sins to God. Only those who acknowledge they are lost can be saved. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is preceded by repentance toward God.

3. *The Salvation* – "*I will give you rest*". This promised "rest" is a gift from God. It cannot be merited or earned in any way. This is the *rest of salvation* and the *rest of conscience*. *It will give you a peace of mind*. It is like taking refuge in the ark to be sheltered from the coming storm of God's judgment.

The three churches in Revelation are they given us a sign in these last days...

#### The Dead Church

Revelation 3:1-22 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. 6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

#### The Faithful Church

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens'": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

#### The Lukewarm Church

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'"