Of Noah and The Flood

"And (God) 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." 2 Pet. 2:5.

Draw the parallel between the world in Noah's day, and the world that now is. It's frightening.

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758): "Satan seems to have been in a dreadful rage just before the flood, and his rage then doubtless was, as it always has been, chiefly against the church of God to overthrow it; and he had filled the earth with violence and rage against the church. He had drawn over almost all the world to be on his side, and they listed under his banner against Christ and his church. We read, that the earth 'was filled with violence;'and doubtless that violence was chiefly against the church, in fulfilment of what was foretold, 'I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed.' And their enmity and violence was so great, and the enemies of the church so numerous, the whole world being against the church, that it was come to the last extremity. Noah's reproofs, and his preaching of righteousness, were utterly disregarded. God's Spirit had striven with them an hundred and twenty years, and all in vain; and the church was almost swallowed up. It seems to have been reduced to so narrow limits, as to be confined to one family. And there was no prospect of any thing else but of their totally swallowing up the church, and that in a very little time, and so wholly destroying that small root that had the blessing in it, or whence the Redeemer was to proceed."

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." 2 Pet. 3:5,6.

"God's destroying those enemies of the church by the flood, belongs to this affair of redemption. To Satan: 'This seed of the woman shall crush thy head.' Gen. 3:15. This destruction was only a destruction of the seed of the serpent in the midst of their most violent rage against the seed of the woman, and so delivering the seed of the woman from them, when in utmost peril by them."

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Heb. 11:7.

Though it had never rained on earth before, — ("But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." Gen. 2:6) — Noah believed God, that a global flood would inundate the whole earth, and destroy every living creature, — ("All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died...and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark." Gen. 7:22,23). And Noah gave solid evidence that he did in fact believe God, by the sound of saws and hammers building a huge boat on dry land — and all the long 120 years commingling his fiery preaching with the ringing of the saws and hammers. For which, Noah was hated and persecuted, and no doubt would have been slain had not God at the very last minute ordered Noah, his family, and their complete menagerie of animals quickly into the ark — and as it is written, those ominous, blood-chilling words: "AND THE LORD SHUT HIM IN!" Forever too late! Billions of souls thrust into Hell by an angry God.

Even so, Westboro Baptist Church. Draw the parallel, beloved suffering saints of God. As Noah was warned of God of things not seen as yet, and thereupon — moved with fear — began mightily to preach it: "You had better clean up your filthy lives! A worldwide Flood is coming!" Even so, WBC has been warned of God of things not seen as yet. "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." Preach it! "The world that now is will be destroyed by fire!":

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:7.

Edwards: "By means of this flood, all the enemies of God's church, against whom that little handful had no strength, were swept off at once. God took their part, and appeared for them, against their enemies, and drowned those of whom they had been afraid, in the flood of water, as he drowned the enemies of Israel that pursued them in the Red Sea." Likewise will God deal with WBC enemies.

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." Lk. 17:26,27.

<u>QUESTION</u>: Exactly what were conditions "as it was in the days of Noah," and how do they compare with conditions today?

First, we are told, expressly, that in God's view of things, the wickedness of man (all mankind except Noah's little family) was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually – that the whole earth was corrupt before God, and filled with violence against God and God's tiny remnant, for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

It would be difficult to frame a better description of America and the earth today. America is morally filthy and corrupt to the core; and is Hell-bent to violently destroy God's tiny remnant at WBC, because WBC exposes their sins and preaches righteousness to them, as Noah did to the antediluvian world.

"They did eat, they drank" are but other words describing the "pride, fullness of bread and abundance of idleness" "iniquity of thy sister Sodom." Ezek. 16:49. Prosperity without much labor, affording wild free hours for fornicating fun. "They married wives, they were given in marriage," portrays wife-swapping, easy divorce and remarriage, polygamy, adultery, sodomy and all forms of vile debauchery and violent assaults on holy matrimony and one man, one woman, one lifetime marital fidelity and purity. Could America be better described?

Before the Flood men had sex with their mothers, sisters, daughters, males and beasts.

<u>John Gill</u>: "Berosus speaks of Ham as the pubic corrupter of mankind; and says that he taught men to live as <u>before the flood</u>, to lie with mothers, sisters, daughters, males and brutes, and creatures of all sorts; and that he actually did so himself, and therefore was cast out by his father Noah, and got the name of *Chem*, the infamous and immodest." Even so America. See, *Lawrence vs. Texas*.

"There were giants in the earth in those days...the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown." Gen. 6:4.

Jonathan Edwards: "The giants that were in those days, in all likelihood, got themselves their renown by their great exploits against Heaven, and against Christ and his church, the remaining sons of God that had not corrupted themselves." Doubtless those evil antediluvian giants were predecessors to Nimrod – the first bloody tyrant and empire builder, who founded Babylon, arch enemy to the City of God, the church. It was written of Nimrod that "he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord." Gen. 10:8,9. Mighty hunter before the Lord, means with fists and weapons raised in rebellion in the Face of God. And the only way God could be directly attacked is by attacking, maiming and murdering the people of God, destroying the church of God: "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Rom. 8:36. "As it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." Rom. 15:3.

And remember, beloved, that Nimrod was Noah's great-grandson, through his filthy, immoral, sodomite son—HAM. In other words, Nimrod in all probability learned his diabolical skills as a bloody tyrant and murderer of God's people from his grandfather HAM, who learned them from the giants in the earth before the Flood. Nimrod's mighty Babylon ultimately met the same fate from the wrath of God, as the antediluvian nations met by the Flood—and for the same primary reason; to wit: persecuting and oppressing God's people. See on:

Jonathan Edwards: "This city of Babel is the same with the city of Babylon; for Babylon in the original is Babel. But Babylon was a city that is always spoken of in scripture as chiefly opposite to the city of God. Babylon, and Jerusalem, or Zion, are opposed to each other often, both in the Old Testament and New. This city was a powerful and terrible enemy to the city of God and people of God." (This commentary by Edwards corroborates WBC's preaching.)

"We read of scarce any great destruction of nations anywhere in scripture, but that one main reason given for it is, their enmity and injuries against God's church; and doubtless this was one main reason of the destruction of all nations by the flood." Ergo, America is doomed for persecuting God's people at WBC.