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THE DAYS OF ENOCH AND NOAH

In our last article (The Catching Up) we began to share what the Bible says about the conditions that would exist just prior to the return of Jesus Christ when He will gather up His Fathers' children (1st Corinthians 15:20-25).

Enoch and Noah lived and walked with God during a period in the history of mankind that has many similarities to our present times. The sixth chapter of Genesis tells us that most of the people living during the days of Enoch and Noah turned the undeserved favor and patience of God into a license to commit horrible sexual perversions. Almost all the people of their day denied the lordship and authority of the Self-Existent, Eternal Three Mighty Ones over their lives (please re-read the last four articles). Their most flagrant sin (the one sin God could not forgive them for) was they ignored their need to go to God in prayer, ask God to forgive them of the sins they had committed and to ask that the payment the Messiah would give one day in the future pay the sin debt they owed (Jude 1:3-4).

“⁴For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, (1) turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness (translated from a Greek word that both “The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia” and “Thayer’s Greek Definitions” says could be better translated “unbridled lust”), and (2) denying the only Lord God, and (3) our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 3-4 King James Version)

The Holy Spirit of God led the apostle Paul to record a description of the attitude of these people in the first chapter of the book of Romans.

“20 Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; 21 for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened.” (Romans 1:20-21 New American Bible)