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A. Matthew 24:37-39

Matthew 24:37–39, NASB95 - ³⁷ "For the [second] Coming [Gk: παρουσία (paroo-SEE-a) means the formal second coming of Christ (bigger than a moment and implies a judgement)] of the Son of Man [Jesus] will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in [or "up on"] marriage [four participles indicating their everyday life but in excess that resulted in ongoing sin], until [they didn't know but THEN they did know, about the God's judgment] the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came [they had no inkling that the judgment of God was coming] and took them all away [they had no inkling of the severity of the God's judgment]; so will the [second] coming of the Son of Man [Jesus] be.

B. The Days of Noah

Based on Genesis 6:1-11:

1. It was a time of <u>exploding population</u>.

Genesis 6:1, NLT - ¹ Then the people <u>began to multiply</u> on the earth, and daughters were born to them.

2. It was a time of sexual perversion.

Genesis 6:2, NLT - ² The sons of God saw the beautiful women and <u>took any they wanted</u> as their wives. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for

they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years."

3. It was a time of dark spiritual activity.

Genesis 6:4, TLB - ⁴ In those days, and even afterwards, when the <u>evil beings from the spirit world</u> were sexually involved with human women, their children became giants, of whom so many legends are told.

Genesis 6:4, Pastor Joe's Translation – In those days, long after God's plan for marriage had been abandoned, forces of evil began to strongly influence the sexual behaviors of humans to the point that strong lies were told about what was right and wrong.

4. It was a time of widespread violence.

Genesis 6:11, NLT - 11 Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was <u>filled with violence</u> [Heb. קְּמָּם (ha-mas), it means to

inflict a cruel injustice (Strong's 2555). "To inflict a cruel judgment on an entity, not because of any specific behavior, but because of an inconvenience, a state of being, or impertinent esteem." (Quote Source: Keil and Delitzsch's Commentary of the Old Testament, Vol. I, Page 144, Copyright 1868.)

NOTE: "Hamas" is an Arabic acronym for "Harakat al-Muqawamah al-Islamiyya," which means "The Islamic Resistance Movement." The terrorist group, HAMAS—which exist for "the total elimination of Israel"—says the word *hamas* means "zeal." Historically, this is incorrect. HAMAS coined the word and the definition of the word. The word is not documented, historically, before the inception of the terrorist group by that name.

C. Life Application Section

- 1. God observes everyone's moral condition.
 - God looks with grace to those who live righteous lives.
 - God looks with <u>grief</u> to those who live <u>wicked lives</u>.

2. God is currently working His plan to bring our world to an end.

- God provides a way of escape from His judgment.
- God will ultimately destroy all wickedness.
- God will securely preserve the righteousness.

THE POINT: God will protect the righteous and condemn the wicked.