

## Chapter 5 As the days of Noah

Jesus said “as the days of Noah, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24.37.

Why would Jesus link his modern-day second coming to Noah's primitive era? Consider these four surprises –

**First**, Noah belonged to *a high form of civilisation*. This included city and pastoral life and the development of arts and manufactures. Genesis 4.16-22.

**Second**, today's *population explosion* also matches Noah's time. Since the Bible makes special mention of this, the increase must have been significant: “men began to multiply on the face of the earth.” Genesis 6.1.

How incredibly accurate are Jesus' predictions. But that's not all.

**Third**, in Noah's day there was also *widespread wickedness*. Genesis 6.5. What a picture of our own day as this present age hurtles towards coming divine judgment.

**Fourth**, in the days of Noah, God *postponed judgment*. He gave men an additional 120 years to repent. Genesis 6.3. But mankind ignored God's act of grace and remained defiant and unrepentant. Sounds familiar? The good news here? As we see this unlikely prophecy coming true before our eyes, it's easy to believe Jesus' other claim when he said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” <sup>1</sup> John 14.6.

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To recognise God's coming judgment is *imperative*.

To recognise his great love for us is *essential*.

To recognise his call to repent is *urgent*.