**Are we in ‘That Day’?**

In an attempt to answer this question we first need to look at what Jesus said about ‘that day’. Then we can ask ourselves if our current world looks like ‘that day’.

In Mt 24:37-41 & Luke 17:26-29 Jesus describes what the world will look like at the time of “the coming of the Son of Man” (Mt 24:37) or the “days of the Son of Man” (Luke 17:26).

Focusing on the Luke 17 passage it reads this way in verses 26-29:

26And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

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**Business as Usual:**

Jesus said that life on earth at His future “coming” will be virtually identical to that of the days of Noah and Lot. He lists some very normal daily activities: eating, drinking, marrying, etc. The typical daily living of life as it was back then, **before sudden destruction**, will be once again mirrored at some future date when Jesus returns. In other words: when He unexpectedly comes back, life here on earth will be ‘business as usual’. Until…

Until…

* “**the day** that Noah entered the ark” (vs 27 & Mt 24:38)

Until…

* “**the day** that Lot went out from Sodom” (vs 29)

Jesus depicted the ‘business as usual’ days of Noah and Lot **before** the judgements came upon them.

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**A closer look at Noah & Lot:**

Luke 17:26-27: “And **just as it happened in the days of Noah**, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, **until the day that Noah entered the ark**, and the flood came and destroyed them all.” (See also Mt 24:37-39.)

* Life was being lived out through the course of normal daily activities – “until thedayNoah entered the ark”. Other than the building of the ark and Noah’s preaching (2 Peter 2:5), no visible signs of impending doom are recorded.
* According to Mt 24:39 the masses did not “understand” until it was too late.
* Noah was **lifted above** the flood that came on the **whole world**. Gen 7
* It was business as usual right up to the moment the flood came and destroyed them all. Luke 17:27 & Mt 24:38-39

Luke 17:28-29: “…**on the day that Lot went out** of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **Even so it will be in the day** when the Son of Man is revealed.”

* Jesus is clearly talking about a specific **day** (not a 7 year period or a season of time) in Lot’s life when he was taken out of harm’s way **before** judgement fell. Jesus then compares this time frame to His future coming.
* The angel could not destroy Sodom until Lot “escaped”. “Hurry, **escape** there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Gen 19:22
* Lot was **geographically** moved **out** from Sodom **before** fire rained down. In fact, he and his family were literally “brought” out of the city by the hands of 2 angels. He was **removed** from the coming destruction (vs 15). “…and they **brought** him out, and **put** him outside the city.” Gen 19:16
* Judgement would not come until Lot had **escaped**.
* It was business as usual right up to the moment God rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen 19:24

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**Noah & Lot Summation:**

The pre-wrath removal of Noah and Lot graphically depicts:

1. A business as usual attitude and behavior immediately preceding the Rapture.
2. A “day”, in which the Church will be taken away. Not 7 years, not a season in time.
3. A rescue: “Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thess 1:10; 1 Thess 5:9
4. A ‘selective’ Rapture: 1 taken and 1 left (Mt 24:40-41 & Luke 17:34-36).

Jesus clearly links His return with the day that Noah got on the ark before the flood and the day that Lot went out before the fire and brimstone. He cannot be talking about the end of the Tribulation. He unmistakably identifies their removal as pre-wrath & pre-judgement.

Why do I say this? Because life at the end of the Tribulation will be nothing close to normal. Billions of people will have died, and the earth will be a smoldering wreck after 7 years of horrific judgments. **The Tribulation, and life during the Tribulation, will be anything but business as usual!**

And, for this reason I believe these verses do not describe daily life during that 7 year period which is vividly portrayed in Matthew 24:22. “Unless those days had been cut short, **no life** would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” This is very strong language. Without divine intervention, the Contemporary English Version states: “**no one will be left alive**”. That is not a description of ‘business as usual’.

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**In Conclusion:**

Are we in ‘that day’? I believe so, but you should answer that question for yourself.