

Audio Teaching Sermon

Message #50

Historical Hebrew Home

[A Intro – Pastor Jefferson 0:00 thru 1:24]

Hey folks, I'd like to extend a big howdy to everyone listening to today's audio sermon. I'm pastor Jefferson and you are now listening to the **50th message** in the **Audio Teaching Sermon Series**. In **lesson 49**, we discussed the **3rd Arrival of Christ**. I mentioned that—at that moment there will still be some folks around who personally witnessed the re-birth of the nation of **Israel**. This will be the fulfillment of the prophecy Jesus spoke in **Matt 24:34** regarding His bodily return and will happen in **Nov** of **2040**. God uses this fact to assure us that the birth of the **Fig Tree** was indeed the inaugural signal that the end of the age of Adam would be fast approaching. And by putting a time limit of **120 years** on the prophecy, humanity would not be left wondering just when everything spoken of in **Matt 24** was going to happen. Jesus then affirmed the veracity of His speech by telling those listening that, *"The Heaven and the earth will pass away before one syllable of My words will expire."* Jesus was essentially telling us that His word will remain valid forever.

[B Swearing Allegiance to Satan 1:24 thru 2:43]

As we discussed in the last sermon, only **3 groups** of folks will still be present at the end. First off, there will be those unfortunate souls who have willingly and knowingly taken what the Bible calls *"the mark of the beast."* They will swear their allegiance to the man who the Bible calls "the **Antichrist**." They will be fooled into believing that he is God and their Savior. These folks will become essentially the walking dead, as their eternal fate will have been sealed upon their taking of the mark. After their physical death, they will live perpetually within the **Lake of Fire** for the remainder of eternity. Next, there will be the **Hebrews** who heeded Jesus's Biblical warning that when they see *"the Abomination of Desolation standing in the Holy Place,"* they were to flee to **Petra**, where God will protect them for the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation. And finally, there will be the **144,000** fully fledged disciples who God selectively will leave behind to act as witnesses, urging everyone on the planet to NOT accept the mark of the Beast.

[C Holy Spirit's Literary Hinge 2:43 thru 4:15]

Jesus warns us in **Matt 24:37** that the days prior to the coming of the Son of man will be like the days of Noah prior to the Great Flood. Open up your Bible now this verse. Here Jesus says, ¹ *"As it were the days of Noah,* ² *so will be the coming of the Son of Man."* The *Greek* word we see in T-1 for **as it were** is *HOCE-per* and it translates to **'just as,**

like or exactly like. In this context, it means “*just exactly as.*” This word in Scripture serves as a literary hinge for analogy. Each time it is used it alerts the reader to carefully study the ensuing phrase relationally. The Holy Spirit employs comparison as a principal teaching device securing continuity between historical events and spiritual realities. So, the days leading up to the **2nd Coming of Christ** can be seen in the same light as the days leading up to when the rain began to fall, at the start of the Great Flood. We know from Scripture that **Noah** preached for **120 years** warning humanity of the coming judgment. No one listened, except for eight members of Noah’s immediate family.

[**D** God Issued a 120 Year Deadline 4:15 thru 5:43]

So, let’s go and take a look at what God said before the coming of the Flood. Open your Bible now to **Genesis**, chapter **6**. Let me just state right up front that the first **6 verses** of this chapter will require at least a few audio sermons with which to break down and discuss the information contained therein. But for now, let’s focus on **verse 3**. It reads from the *Hebrew* in the **OT**, ¹ “And said Yahweh, ² *My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,* ³ *for indeed he is flesh,* ⁴ *and yet shall be his days one hundred and twenty years.”* The first thing I want you to notice is that this is a **prophecy**. And as we’ve discussed before, every prophecy in Scripture is actually for a minimum of at least **2 separate events**. This prophecy is for 3 events. For the context, we read in (**vs 5**) that God saw the wickedness of man was great on the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only continuously for evil. In (**vs 6**) we see the LORD was sorry that He made man and was grieved in His heart. Next in (**vs 7**) He states that He would blot out man from the face of the land, as a result of his sorrow for having made them.

[**E** God’s Spirit is Life 5:43 thru 7:27]

We see in **T-1** that **God** is the One talking. In **T-2**, the *Hebrew* word we see for **Spirit** is **RUE-high**. The word means ‘**air, breath, or wind.**’ Think of it as a sensible holy exhalation of God. That is the idea being presented here. The breath of God is necessary for ALL elements of life to exist in the world. Without Him, there would be no life anywhere. God Almighty is the lifeforce contained within every cell, virus or unit of creation which exhibits signs of life. In the **NT**, the Greek uses a similarly defined word for the **Holy Spirit**. The *Hebrew* word for **shall strive** is [**1**] **yah-DON**. It’s a sailing term, and is used here just this one time. It means ‘**to sail direct to some point on a straight course.**’ In sailing, the wind is necessary to be able to move from one place to another. If there

were no wind, there would be no sailing. In this verse God is saying His lifeforce will not abide in man forever. God uses the analogy of the wind moving men along on a straight course. If the analogy is we are sailing along through the ocean that is life with God providing the wind, the moment that wind stops is essentially a death sentence. God is telling us that His “wind” will not blow forever for humanity.

[**F** A Godly Assemblage Man 7:27 thru 9:20]

The *Hebrew* word we see for **forever** is *leh-oh-LAHM* is a commonly used word and it means **‘the vanishing point.’** The word’s very definition is telling us that God’s “wind” has a point in time when it will vanish. The word **vanish** is defined as **‘to pass quickly from being present.’** God’s unseen Spirit will vanish from mankind, resulting in the death of everyone not inside the ark. The bottom line to this prophecy is that God’s lifeforce has a stated duration. We see why in **T-3** when God says, *“for indeed man is flesh.”* The *Hebrew* word present in the text translated **for** **indeed** is **[1] beh-shag-GAM** and is yet another word seen only once in Scripture. It means **‘a proper assemblage.’** **Assemblage** means **‘the state of being assembled.’** We know from reading the account of creation that man was created in 3 parts. We also know that man was created to live forever. And while the entry of sin into our world ended our physical immortality, our soul is yet eternal. This one time the word *beh-shag-GAM* is used here carries a fairly hefty meaning. As He often does, God utilizes a single word to tie a group of conflicting thoughts together coherently. Its purpose is twofold. First, it **‘introduces a climax.’** The word **climax** means **‘the culmination of something.’** In this case, the flood. And secondly, it **‘connects two ideas which imply a contradiction.’**

[**G** Man is Composed of Sinful Flesh 9:20 thru 11:12]

Folks, I really hope you are following along in your Bible, and using the **Biblehub** software to see for yourself just how miraculously the Word of God is constructed. Every word and phrase works in perfect harmony to explain God’s purposes and His flawless will. The very *lifeforce* upon which mankind relies to live would be the very instrument of his demise. The point of this one word is to place emphasis on the word *“flesh.”* This is the prime reason for God wanting to destroy humanity. And I want to point out that God is not some hateful, vengeful Entity, bent on destroying His creation due to its not meeting some fictitious high expectations or impossible standards. No. The truth is that mankind in **Genesis chapter 6** has already traveled a far distance down the path to destroying himself.

The word we see in T-3 for **flesh** is *bah-SAR* and it means, '**man is both mortal and sinful.**' And the truth is that sinful man will experience mortality. The use of the word **mortality** in this sense means '**death to each individual and extinction for those not on the ark built by the hands of Noah.**' It was the pollution of genetics and sin which forced God's hand to bring forth the Great Flood. I encourage you to take the time to do an in-depth study of the first **5 verses** of **Genesis** chapter **6**. They will support in total what I am about to reveal from out of the pages of Scripture.

[**H** **Nephilim Resulted from Crossbreeding** **11:12 thru 13:00**]

In a nutshell, the **Nephilim** were the offspring of the union between fallen angels crossbreeding with human women. In **Genesis** chapter **6** the fallen angels are described in the text as "*the sons of God.*" The result of this union were people who were half-demonic angel and half-human. Prior to the flood, God must have allowed this physical interaction to occur. Angels are described in Scripture as being somewhat above humans in regard to their higher level of creation. As such, Satan began this practice in a diabolical attempt to pollute the population of mankind so that eventually there would no longer be a genetically pure human from which God could then birth a savior. And Satan did it by having his demonic angels—who must have been more attractive to the women than the mortal men—woo and at times outright steal all the women away from the descendants of Adam. We read of this in **vs 2**. Their resulting offspring were **Nephilim**. The fallen angels must have had great advantage over the mortal men. This topic will be discussed in greater detail in a series of future audio sermons. But for now, just know that in **T-4** God defined the time remaining for humanity before He would bring the flood when He says, "*And yet shall be his days one hundred and twenty years.*" He is telling us that His lifeforce would vanish from among humanity after that period.

[**I** **Three Prophecies of 120 Years** **13:00 thru 14:36**]

I mentioned at the start of this sermon that this verse contains **3 separate** prophecies. The **1st** is obvious from our review of **Genesis** chapter **6**. From the point when God saw the pollution of humanity was inevitable from a genetic perspective, He stated a time limit of **120 years** remaining. The **2nd prophecy** deals with everyone's lifespan. After the flood, man's lifespan began to slowly decrease down from **Noah's** 950 years to **Moses**. The Bible is clear: Moses died on his **120th birthday** in perfect health. His eyesight had not dimmed, and his vigor had not abated. No one born *after* Moses lived longer than 120

years. Even in our modern age, very few people make it much beyond 110 years of age. And not one substantiated person has ever made it to 120—even with our advanced medical care. I know there are some who assert to having lived longer, but they lack the valid credentials necessary to support their claim. And the **3rd prophecy** affects another mass extinction—which will occur at the **2nd Coming of Jesus Christ**. Just as the physical building of the ark was a visible sign to all who saw it, coinciding with the coming flood; in the same way the physical re-birth of the nation of **Israel** is also such a visible symbol.

[**J** The Balfour Declaration 14:36 thru 16:01]

So, how do we tie this interval to the **3rd prophecy**? When we examine recent history, we discover the roots of the **rebirth** of the Nation of Israel began with the nation of **Britain**. Following Britain's declaration of war on the **Ottoman Empire** in November 1914, it began to consider the future of **Palestine**. Within two months a memorandum was circulated to the war Cabinet by a Zionist member, named **Herbert Samuel**, proposing the support of Zionist ambitions to enlist the support of Jews in the wider war. This resulted in the presentation of a public statement issued by the **British Government** in 1917 announcing its support for the establishment of a "*national home for the Jewish people*" in **Palestine**. This declaration was contained in a letter dated **2 November 1917** from **Arthur Balfour**, who was the British foreign secretary, to **Lord Rothschild**, a leader of the British Hebrew community, for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. The text of the declaration was published in the press on **9 November 1917** and became what is now known as the "**Balfour Declaration**."

[**K** Mandate for Palestine 16:01 thru 17:18]

This policy letter was what led to the first physical action leading to the creation of a Jewish homeland. The forerunner of the United Nations, the **League of Nations** issued what is now called a "**Mandate for Palestine**," incorporating the elements of the **Balfour Declaration** into the legally binding document. This is what gave Britain administration over the territories of **Palestine** and what is modern day **Jordan**. This happened on **25 April 1920**. This was the first documented legislation taken to begin preparations for the creation of a Jewish state. The objective was to provide advice and assistance to the Hebrew people until as such time as they could stand alone. This was the Biblical equivalent of Noah receiving instructions from God on how to proceed with the building of an ark. Just as I am unable to pinpoint the exact moment God recruited Noah to build

the ark, I can still state with confidence that it was a point in time reflecting exactly 120 years before the day the Great Flood began.

[**L** A National Historical Homeland 17:18 thru 18:41]

I can make the same statement regarding the **Balfour Declaration** and the creation of the **Mandate for Palestine**. Lord **Balfour** was instrumental in writing most of the Mandate, but there was a time of extreme differences of opinion during its drafting. The key statement of recognizing that **Palestine** was the **Jewish National Home** was at one point omitted from the document. After strenuous objection to these proposed changes, the statement concerning the historical connections of the Hebrews with Palestine was reincorporated into the Mandate in **November** of **1920**. And while no specific date is recorded for this event anywhere in the historical records, I once again comfortably state that it must have been on the **18th of November**, as this date would reflect an interval of precisely **120 years** prior to the bodily return of Jesus Christ at the end of the age. In order for modern Israel to be deemed the **Fig Tree**, her re-establishment as a nation must contain recognition that she was in fact returning to her historical **Promised Land**, as given by God Almighty some 3,000 odd years earlier.

[**Z** Some Final Thoughts 18:41 thru 20:23]

The fact that each of the 3 prophecies mentioned in **Genesis 6:3** are clearly within the very close range of **120 years**, should be proof enough for any of you out there to see that God is always right on target. As I have explained, God putting more than one event into each prophecy phenomenally increases the odds against any fulfillment being of mere coincidence. Also, you must remember that Satan is ever attempting to alter our calendars and hiding the timing of events to keep Christians in the dark. Always remember, Satan is the father of all lies. He works every day to conceal the truth of God regardless of where it might be found. The confirmation of **Palestine** as the **historical homeland** of the Jews was when God began to build the symbolic modern-day ark that will eventually be **Petra**. The establishment of Israel in 1948 was the moment when humanity could see the pivotal event which signaled the end of the age was approaching. Just as those who saw the framework of Noah's ark begin to take shape, we too can be assured that God's timepiece is ticking, and 120 years has nearly elapsed. Speaking of elapsed, that's all the time we have for this sermon. **So, until next time my beloved, this has been Pastor Jefferson, speaking in God's Holy name and for His glory alone. Amen!**