

The Return

As Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the calamities which followed, he said *"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"* Luke 21:24. Eighteen-hundred ninety-seven years after it was destroyed by the Roman legions, Jerusalem returned to Jewish control on June 6, 1967. Jesus marked this event as the beginning of the generation which would see the return of Christ, saying, *"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away"* Luke 21:32:33. How certain was Jesus of the things He said? More certain than the universe itself; Heaven and earth would pass away before any of His words would fail.

Jesus went into graphic detail when describing the condition of the world in this final generation. He compared it with two previous generations, both of which had to be destroyed because of their wickedness, violence, and moral perversion.

1. "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all" Luke 17:26-27

How was it in the days of Noah? The Bible says, *"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* Genesis 6:5. *"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence"* Genesis 6:11.

Eating, drinking, and marrying wives is not a sin, but it describes a generation of people who had become numb to their surroundings. They knew of Noah, who was building an ark on dry land while preaching repentance and the wrath of God to come. They thought Noah was crazy, and considered the wickedness and violence around them was normal. They just wanted to be left alone to live their lives, but the scripture says they *"...knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* Matthew 24:39.

2. "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all." Luke 17:28-29

The words *"likewise also"* express an accumulative

force, which connects these two generations as one in this last day. We have the corruption and violence of Noah's generation, and we have the perversions and abominations of Sodom and Gomorrah in Lot's generation.

A Gallup poll, taken in 2021, surveying the percentage of Americans self-identifying as LGBTQ reveals some astounding results. The "traditionalist generation," born before 1946 has less than 1% who are LGBTQ. The rest of the results are shown below.

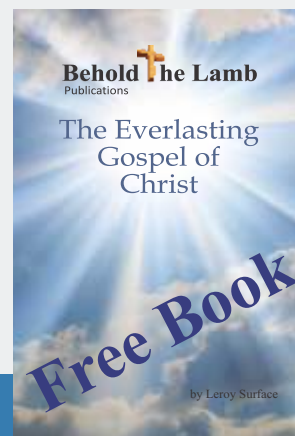
Traditionalists (born before 1946) ----- 0.8% LGBTQ
Baby boomers (born 1946-1964) ----- 2.6% LGBTQ
Generation X (born 1965-1980) ----- 4.2% LGBTQ
Millennials (born 1981-1996) ----- 10.5% LGBTQ
Generation Z (born 1997-2003) ----- 20.8% LGBTQ

A more recent CDC study revealed that nearly 25 percent of high school students identify as something other than "straight." These latest statistics were compiled just two years ago at the very beginning of an explosion of perversion in America, with the highest office in the land actually hosting drag queen parties, and promoting the perversion that has gripped our nation. These things I have written of only serve to confirm the words of Jesus concerning the last generation; *"as it was in the days of Noah,"* and also *"as it was in the days of Lot."* We have arrived.

Recently, in the month of June, 2023, which was designated as "gay pride month, a group of drag queens marched in a "pride parade" chanting "We're here, we're queer, and we've come for your children." Defenders of the LGBTQ said this was just a joke, but is it still a joke when you remember the CDC studies show that 25% of America's sons and daughters of High School age have already been seduced by this spirit of perversion?

Jesus warned of this hour, saying, *"For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."* Luke 21:35-26

Those who know Jesus Christ are, on one hand, broken hearted over the condition of our nation, but, on the other hand, consoled by his words; *"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."* Luke 21:28



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