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According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's Global Study on Homicide 2023, 458,000 people were victims of homicide in 2021—more than five times as many as were killed in armed conflicts during the same period.

THE DAYS OF NOAH THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE. Genesis 6:11-13

Preparing for the Future. Part XI (11)

Warm greetings! I am on a four day retreat at the moment. I am retreating so I can go forward when I get out of the retreat mode. I am hopefully drawing nigh to God so He can draw nigh to me.

The Days of Noah are also a comparison to the very end of time before Jesus comes back. Jesus mentioned this twice, which we will quote below. I am using both the King James Version and the Amplified classic edition.

As I was flicking through a few TV channels yesterday, I came across a UK program or documentary about how detectives catch murderers or other serious criminals. (Crime watch Caught).

It was all very fascinating, but what struck me was the high

amount and levels of violence used by people and the extent to which they tried to cover up their murders.

I learned it was only through incredibly diligent and painstaking investigations that these crimes were ever solved, even over many years in some cases, as we all may have heard. The role of DNA and forensic science also was vital.

I was reminded suddenly of the two verses God spoke about Violence in Genesis chapter 6:11-13.

Have a look for yourself!

and vicious it was, for All humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction.

13 God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will destroy them and the land.

In God's eyes, in Genesis 6, if you were not working towards love, kindness, friendship and unity, then you were already on the Road to Violence. Violence so great that the Lord said it filled the land!

I'm going to discuss these points



11 The earth was depraved and putrid in God's sight, and the land was filled with violence

(Desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power).

12 And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased,

and share more Scripture in the process.

I ask you to resist the urge to think, 'oh this is all too gruesome!' It may indeed be gruesome, but it is also necessary to know the evil, in the knowledge that you can thereby escape it or avoid it

as much as possible. Even Jesus wonderfully said that the owner of the house should watch and not let his house/car/family/physical life be broken up. Matthew 24:43. (Note this is an end-time chapter also)

As this article is part of our series called 'Preparing for the Future', we need to be quite aware of what is going on around us daily, and I mean around us. We are meant to be shepherds, custodians



and guardians of our family and church/flock. This would include knowing what is happening, being street wise, well versed in security measures, as well as having such measures in place around our property, church etc. and above all getting the Wisdom that only comes from God.

The wise man foresees the evil and avoids it. (Proverbs 22:3 and Proverbs 27:12)

- How much Violence is there right now on the end time planet?
- How can we avoid violence?
- Are believers blind to the dangers of violence?
- How much Violence is there right now on the end time planet?

Tons of violence as we enter the last years.

Homicides/murders are still high here, it is a link I ask you to look at and you will see some amazing statistics. [Murder Rate by Country 2024](#) scroll down to '72 countries',

and then even further down.

This link from the United Nations summarizes both violence and wars across the globe at the present time.

A New Era of Conflict and Violence | United Nations **

We see from Genesis 6, that Violence was the main reason God decided to wipe out the human population. In the country where I presently sojourn, I discovered that there were approximately 2.01 million violent crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales in 2023/24 that is one violent incident/crime per year for every 30 people including children.

Very high, wouldn't you agree?

Here are some other crime statistics for the UK:

- In the year ending June 2024, there were 1,125,000 incidents of violence with and without injury.
- In the year ending June 2023, 700,236 stalking and harassment offences were recorded by the police.
- In the year ending September 2022, the police recorded 70,633 rapes, the highest number ever recorded.
- In the year ending March 2023, 41% of all homicides in England and Wales were knife-related.

How can we avoid violence?

I am not including national violence like wars or armed conflicts, over which we have little control, except prayer of course which is our greatest weapon. Here are some bullet type points I think

would be helpful:

* It would be worthwhile if you made a study about the country or region where you live. You should be able to understand then the potential levels of violence where you reside.

* Also it would be valuable for you to walk around your local area, and observe people, pray and ask Jesus to speak to you about how violent your neighborhood might actually be. Get friendly with local people.

* Know your neighbors if they are friendly people.

* Bathe your home and family in prayer each day. Claim God's Keys and promises of Protection.

* Never joke or banter with people you don't know, especially if you are in a foreign country. You may easily offend them! They may suddenly say 'What did you say?' and then you may be in a pickle!

* Walk in humility to them who are outside the faith. Bible Gateway - Keyword Search: meekness

* OBEY THESE BIBLE VERSES DAILY: Colossians chapter 4,5

* Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time and seizing (buying up) the opportunity.

* Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].

* And as we have often said in this series: do not go out unless you know God wants you to. If you do, make sure you pray earnestly

before going out and claim His Protection.

* Avoid crowds - Drive with great prayer.

* Be armed: well, this may sound very weird to a lot of people, but here are our opinions.

* If you are in a country where the law allows you to be armed. Be armed. Buy a decent gun and take a course or training about how to use it in the eventuality you may have to for self defence.

* Luke 11:21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: Study the book 'Be Thou Prepared' by Pastor Carl Gallups and implement what can be applied to you.

* On a personal level at my age being now in the 70's, I often walk with a walking stick! I found this helps me enormously. It helps me walk better, it also puts me in the position in the local society of being frailer or more vulnerable, it causes kind people to open doors for me sometimes and give up their seat in a waiting room or similar event. I have been amazed at that since I first started using one just a year or so ago!

But I also use it 'just in case'. I have taken some training via the internet on how to use a cane, in case of being attacked. And what positions and ways to 'wield' it or hold it if necessary!

We should also understand that according to Luke 17, (quoted at the end of this article) members of our own family can be our biggest enemies. They are not believers, they have rejected the Gospel, and they will 'deliver you up and cause you to be put to death'. Of course, we never really anticipate something like this for the most part. But it would do us good if

we are truly following Jesus, to make a list and see if there are any members of our own family who



represent a threat to us. A great deal of violence in the natural world is carried out by husbands

against wives, and vice versa, and also by any other relatives in the extended family, including sons and daughters, tragically enough! I have seen it even happen in my own family, maybe not the death part, but I have experienced the violence.

* When I drive in a city, my car is usually locked. The windows are never wide enough for someone to put a hand through and grab something.

* When I walk around on the street, I never look at my mobile screen, as this renders me useless in the event of some sudden external threat.

* If I carry children around in a vehicle or if I am out and about with any child, who is in my care, then I take extra care to observe the situation on any given street. I carry a whistle and also a flashlight on my car key chain. I watch any child I am with like a hawk at all times, being mindful that children are abducted every day, and never seen again. If I sense any danger I tell the child to stay next to me or to walk here or walk there or cross the road NOW, if I feel it necessary.

I explain to a child if they are old enough, to never ask me 'why' if I tell them to do something when outside in a city or a town, but just do it. They usually understand that, and it is good training for them also as they get older.

* When we are in a large supermarket with many people, we must stay very close together. There have been a couple of incidents in the last 6 years when I could not see the child with me for a few seconds. I immediately loudly shout out their name, much to the horror or just surprise of the rest of the shoppers in the aisle! I remember one time this happened and the child was standing right behind me, so that when I moved they also moved and I still didn't see them! 'Oh there you are', I said with relief! Yes it was a bit embarrassing especially for the child, but I would prefer to be that way, than to have the lackadaisical attitude I sense with some parents. The eyes of the Lord are OVER the righteous and His ears are also open to their cries. He delivers them from all their troubles! So if the Lord believes in watching diligently, I think it's only fair we should try to be the same! 1 Peter 3:12 Psalm 34:15



Are modern believers blind to the dangers of violence?

I think the answer to this question depends a lot on where you live.

If you were a Christian living in Pakistan, North Kenya, Nigeria, parts of China, or many other similar places, you may not be blind to the dangers you are facing.

If you live in the Western world, you possibly for the most part have that awful laissez faire attitude which characterises so many of us. You are therefore blind to violence, because you are not expecting nor anticipating it.

This is a huge mistake. We should pray against this mindset and move away from it as soon as we can.

The Days of Noah encompasses the whole world, and will not be limited to only a few countries.

Take these next days to examine yourself, and see what is your honest mindset, feelings and opinions about Violence. Ask the Lord to deliver you from any erroneous ways of thinking and to guide you into all Truth by His Holy Spirit, in this matter. I would be very glad to hear back from you on how this edition is changing your life and helping you.

Pray and ask the Lord for many other messages in His Word, that will confirm this message today.

I pray this message will be a big blessing and get us all even more ready for the 'Days of Noah' which are upon us as we speak! Amen?

God bless you.

Until next week.

Jerry for the WCF Team.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son

of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and

giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

Luke 17: 15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.



** we are not fans of the UN over here at the WCF, but at least this gives some useful overview.

[The Summoning: Preparing for the Days of Noah eBook : Gallups, Carl : Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store](#)

[Be Thou Prepared: Equipping the Church for Persecution and Times of Trouble: Amazon.co.uk: Carl](#)



PSA.27:5 FOR IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE HE SHALL HIDE ME IN HIS PAVILION: IN THE SECRET OF HIS TABERNACLE SHALL HE HIDE ME; HE SHALL SET ME UP UPON A ROCK.

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