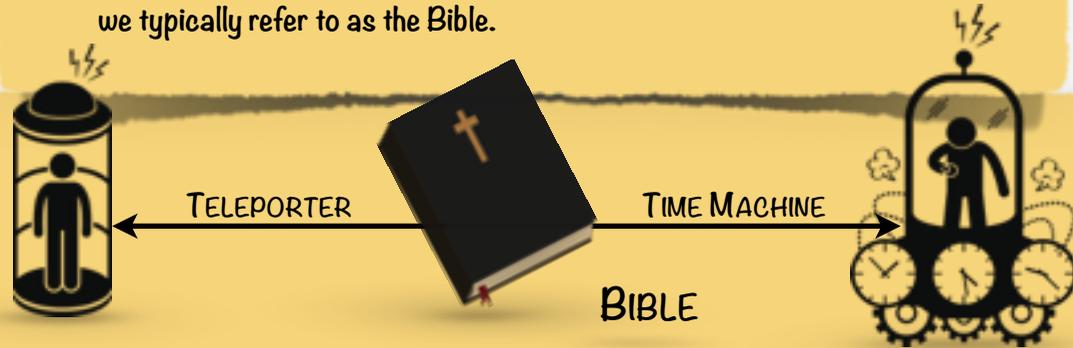


Just As in the Days of Noah ...

- We will travel back a few thousand years to gain insight into our text and our lives today. We'll use our time machine/teleporter combination, which we typically refer to as the Bible.



- **Some facts about Noah's family, 5:25-32.**

Methuselah was Noah's grandfather. Lamech was Noah's father. Lamech expressed hope at the birth of Noah. Lamech died five years before the flood. Noah surely had brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles who died in the flood. The timing of Noah's grandfather Methuselah's death is interesting as Methuselah was 187 years old when he fathered Lamech, and Lamech was 182 years old when he fathered Noah. So Methuselah was 369 years old when Noah was born. Genesis 7:6 tells us that "Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth." Methuselah died when he was 969 years old which coincides with the time of the flood.

- **Power and fame fueled the seed bed of wickedness that brought God's judgment upon the earth, 6:1-7.**

The women of earth were beautiful, and the men were mighty men, famous upon the earth. Their arrogance knew no bounds in the fertile soil of power and fame. These proud, highly successful people produced a world that brought out the worst in humanity, a world the LORD would simply no longer tolerate.

- **God tells Noah his plans to destroy the current world system, 6:8-13.**

Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD; he walked with God.

THE LAST DAYS ON THIS EARTH WHEN THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED WILL BE JUST AS THE DAYS OF NOAH.

What do we find out about those days from Genesis?

- Human wickedness was great as their hearts were filled with evil, 6:5.
- The earth was corrupt, filled with violence, 6:11.
- Humanity was thriving; the women were hot, and the men were mighty and famous, 6:1-4.
- Life was good/bad.

What do we find out about those days from the New Testament?

- Life was pretty normal.
- They enjoyed life: They liked to eat and drink. Sound familiar?
- They were family oriented: They gave their sons and daughters in marriage; attended weddings on the weekend.
- They were businessmen and women: They carried on commerce, did business. Opened up stores to sell their goods; sold their services of repairing and sewing, horse trading and ranching.
- They were farmers: They plowed the land and harvested crops in their fields. They sold fruit from their orchards and vegetables from their truck gardens.
- They were builders: They built houses and other structures necessary for life and business.
- But when Lot walked out of town, and when Noah entered the ark, that was it. Bam! And they were oblivious to the danger and destruction until it was too late.
- When Jesus Christ comes, it will be like a lightning strike with the same suddenness as in the days of Noah and Lot. That's it. No hope. No help. No turning around. Only judgment. Just like that. One minute life is life, normal ... weddings, supper at the restaurant, visits with the grandkids, and the next thing you know ... you are in the presence of a holy God for judgment.