Subject: Re: Gleanings from the "Gospels"
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36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Jesus said: For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them away.

In other words life went on as always, people eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, but He goes on to say; they did not know until the flood came and took them away.

When the Son of Man comes this is what He will find, nothing has changed since the days of Noah.

Looking back to the time of Noah we find:

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5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the Lord said, "l will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.― 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

God was sorry that He had even made man and it grieved His heart.

God went on to tell Noah:

13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

We see further that not only was everyone continually eating and drinking and marrying but they were given over to violence. Sound familiar, life is filled with violence in our society and in the world there is continual blood shed.

Before Noah we have a man who walked with God, his name was Enoch. Thousands of years later we see a small prophesy of Enoch who was there and witnessed the ungodliness.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.―

A powerful prophesy proclaiming God will come to execute judgement on all for their ungodly deeds which they commit and all that the ungodly have spoken against the Lord.

Jude goes on to tell us that these people are:

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16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

He says the Apostles warned them that mockers would come in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

All of this takes place as "life goes on", people eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, while violence sweeps across the face of the earth. There is a certain amount of enjoyment that men derive from violence.

32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!―

Paul tells us:

Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

But the time will come and is upon us when men will follow their own "desires". Its interesting that Paul points out that they will "heap up teachers". Then they will turn their "ears" from the truth and turn aside to fables.

Hearing they will hear but not hear.

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2 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

Paul along with Jesus stressed the need not to neglect salvation, its all through the New Testament. The world goes on with its continual party, but Jesus is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever and He watches over His Word to perform it. Not one jot or tittle will pass away until all is fulfilled.

What a blessing it is to be partakers of the inheritance with the saints in light.

Jesus tells us to:

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

"Many" will seek to enter? Who is the many? Could it be those who seek to follow their own desires because seeking their own desires they turn their ears from the truth. Its always important

to look at Gods truth and to make sure its not man's thinking, because God's truth, is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto the path that were walking on, leading us, in His Will.
Striving for something that is worth going after ends up being a pearl of great price.
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