

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"CRISPR Critters"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #484 in that series.

When He was asked about the future, Jesus told His disciples to look back at the Days of Noah. Here are His exact words:

Mat 24:38 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,

We're looking at this in some detail on Wednesday nights. For today, notice the one thing Jesus highlights from the Days of Noah: It is "marriage."

Not just your run-of-the-mill marriage. If you go to Genesis, you can read about the kind of marriage Jesus meant. It says,

Gen 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

Gen 6:2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose...

Gen 6:4 ... There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

It wasn't so much "marriage" that Jesus was pointing back to as it was these strange offspring. It seems these unions were somehow affecting what it meant to be human at the level of DNA.

So, if these are the last days, you'd expect scientists to be messing with DNA in a way that affects what it means to be human.

They are.

There is now an in vitro fertilization technique called Three Parent IVF. According to CNN,

It was a first for the entire world: Using a controversial in vitro fertilization technique, doctors in Kiev, Ukraine, helped a previously infertile couple conceive and deliver a baby girl.

The baby was born on January 5, the result of an experimental technique known as "pronuclear transfer" and sometimes referred to as three-parent IVF.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/18/health/ivf-three-parent-baby-girl-ukraine-bn/index.html>

The technique was designed to replace defective mitochondria in a mother's egg with healthy donor mitochondria as a way of preventing mitochondrial disease from being passed on to a child.

So you have the father's sperm, the mother's egg, but her mitochondria has been replaced with that of another woman.

The woman in the Ukraine had no such disease. They just were messing with DNA.

Something far more invasive you will be hearing about is called CRIPR - C-R-I-S-P-R. It stands for Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats.

It is a genome editing technique. It's being called, and I quote, "a game changer" in the realm of altering DNA. It allows researchers to quickly change the DNA of nearly any organism - including humans.

nature.com reported, "Unlike other gene-editing methods, it is cheap, quick and easy to use, and it has swept through labs around the world as a result."

National Geographic concluded,

We now have a power over species of all kinds that we never thought possible... we are dealing with a fundamentally new kind of power. Before CRISPR, mankind had no idea that it would be able to change and manipulate the DNA of all the species that exist on the earth.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2016/08/dna-crispr-gene-editing-science-ethics/>

One of the scientists who discovered it has co-authored a book and titled it, *A Crack in Creation*. I heard her say that this editing of human DNA will "give humans the opportunity to change the course of evolution."

In other words, we now have assumed the role of creating what we want in future human beings.

The article on nature.com warned,

Although CRISPR has much to offer, some scientists are worried that the field's breakneck pace leaves little time for addressing the ethical and safety concerns such experiments can raise. The problem was thrust into the spotlight in April, when news broke that scientists had used CRISPR to engineer human embryos...

<https://www.nature.com/news/crispr-the-disruptor-1.17673>

As in the Days of Noah, we are messing with DNA and affecting what it means to be human.

Stories like these are exciting, but we are not looking for any particular prophecy to be fulfilled.

Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers.

There are no prophecies needing to be fulfilled prior to the rapture. It is presented in the Bible as an imminent event.

The apostle Paul when he was teaching on the rapture, included himself as thinking it could happen any moment when he said, "we which are alive and remain."

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***