

Noah Time Like the Present

It's going to happen first in England. The article was titled, *Surgeon behind world's first human HEAD transplant says the operation could take place... next year.*

Excerpts:

A neurosurgeon planning to carry out the first human head transplant has revealed the daring operation could happen in the UK.

Sergio Canavero wants to carry out the operation next year and believes it could lead to people paralyzed from the neck down being able to walk again.

The surgeon said the UK is the 'most promising place' in Europe to conduct the procedure, after a virtual reality system that will prepare patients for life in their new body was unveiled in Glasgow last week.

Russian wheelchair user Valery Spiridonov has volunteered to take part in the first operation, which would see his head 'frozen' to stop brain cells from dying and tubes connected to support key arteries and veins.

The spinal cord would then be cut, repaired and fused on to a donor body and the skin stitched back together.

Leading up to the first human head transplant, scientists have attached the head of a rat onto the body of another.

In the disturbing experiment, researchers in China affixed the heads of smaller, 'donor' rats onto the backs of larger recipients, creating two-headed animals that lived an average of 36 hours.

The team, which involved the Italian neurosurgeon, managed to complete the transplant without causing blood loss-related brain damage to the donor.

A year ago, China was ordered to 'rein in' scientists who have edited the DNA of human embryos for the first time, a practice banned in Europe.

The first attempts to bring people back from the dead are slated to start this year as well. *Bioquark*, a Philadelphia-based company, announced in late 2016 that they believe brain death is not 'irreversible.' And now, CEO Ira Pastor has revealed they will soon be testing an unprecedented stem cell method on patients in an unidentified country in Latin America, confirming the details in the next few months.

Newsweek ran an article at the same time titled, *We Need to Talk About Human Genetic Engineering Before It's Too Late*.

They said,

Human genetic engineering is coming. Science is about to solve some of the worst problems that can happen to people: cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, Alzheimer's and the many other devastating results that can come out of the random genetic lottery that is reproduction.

But that power means we are also about to set the bar on what it means to be a person and have a productive life.

What will the society of the future think needs repairing? If we “fix” blindness will we also “fix” deafness? What about baldness or being short?

I *want* to say that we are seeing the manipulation of what it means to be human, especially on the level of DNA, like never before in human history.

I can't say that, however, because there was one other time in the history of the human race that genetic manipulation was happening on a planetary scale.

It was about 4400 years ago, just before the global flood of Noah recorded in the Book of Genesis.

As the writer, Moses, begins to tell of Noah, he 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.

I will present all the different theories of exactly what these verses mean. But rather than keep you in suspense, we're going to discover that the most biblical, scientific, and logical theory is that the "sons of God" were certain fallen angels and these "giants" were the offspring of fallen angels mating with human women.

In doing so, the fallen angels were messing with what it means to be human; messing with us at the level of DNA; in order to distort or to destroy humanity.

It was so prevalent that God decided to send the flood, saving only eight souls.

This realization that we have been here before is more than interesting. It is prophetic, because of something Jesus said.

Talking about the Last Days, and especially the days just before His Second Coming, the Lord said,

Mat 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

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,

Mat 24:39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

First of all, we note that Jesus spoke of Noah, and the flood as presented in Genesis, as a true, historical account. If you think otherwise, you are disagreeing with the Lord, Who the Book of Colossians reminds us was the Creator of all things.

Jesus said that just before His coming it would be "as the days of Noah were," "as in the days before the flood." Then Jesus picked out one particular aspect of those days. He said the people would be, "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage."

Typically we say of His statement that people will be unaware of the Second Coming, and will be going on with their normal lives. They'll be partying, and getting married, as if they hadn't a care in the world.

Wait a minute. What is the world going to be like just before the Second Coming? Will it be business, and pleasure, as usual?

Hardly. In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, during the Great Tribulation, seven seals of a seven sealed scroll are opened, one at a time, to reveal the wrath of God upon the earth.

Things get progressively worse on the earth after each seal. With the opening of the seventh seal, seven trumpets are blown. With the blowing of the seventh trumpet, seven bowls of wrath are poured out upon the earth, in rapid succession.

Listen to how the bowls are described:

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

Rev 16:2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Rev 16:3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died.

Rev 16:4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood...

Rev 16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Rev 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

Rev 16:11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Rev 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

Question: Does that sound like the kind of world in which people will be partying and getting married? Do you imagine you'll be receiving 'Save the Date' notices, to put on your refrigerator?

Of course not.

Let's revisit what Jesus said, and what He most likely meant by what He said.

He said that just before His Second Coming men would be "eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage," similar to the days of Noah.

What kind of marriages were taking place in the days of Noah? The sons of God were taking human women as their wives, messing with what it means to be human at the level of DNA, and producing monstrous atrocities - called in the Bible the Nephilim.

It reads, "the "sons of God" (*B'nai Elohim*) took wives of the "daughters of men," which gave birth to the "giants" (*Nephilim*).

Did Jesus mean this terrible mating between fallen angels and human women will once again occur? I'm not saying that; I don't know, because it's not directly revealed in the end times passages.

I will say that something like this seems to have occurred again, on a small scale, *after* the flood. That is supported by the many places in Scripture where you see giants still on the earth.

- For example the Israelites overcame giants in their conquest of the Promised Land. In fact it was partially their fear of giants in the land that caused the ten spies to give a bad report of their chances at conquering the land.
- David and his mighty men finally eradicated the giants in his day (Second Samuel 21:15-22).

I do know that Satan was messing around with our DNA in the days of Noah, and that he is doing it again today, through the agency of scientists willing to ignore medical ethics.

It is the second time in human history that such a direct manipulation has occurred - the first being the days of Noah.

It is not yet widespread, but that could change at any time.

It seems, then, that we are on the brink of the days of Noah prophecy of Jesus coming true.

The days of Noah were also characterized by violence, and corruption, and widespread unbelief. But to suggest that, for example, the days in which we live are the most violent since the time of the flood is to ignore the human history of violence.

I mentioned Hannibal in Sunday's Bible study. Hannibal killed more people in one afternoon than all the losses the United States sustained in the entirety of the Vietnam War.

Commentators have suggested other characteristics of the days of Noah. James Montgomery Boice lists,

- An explosion in population.
- An explosion of knowledge.
- And, a rapid acceleration of vice and lawlessness.

I think we can see those things in the past, in history; they are not unique to our time.

Almost a generation ago, in 1968, Paul Ehrlich, a Stanford University biologist, wrote, *The Population Bomb*. In it he said humankind stood on the brink of apocalypse because there were simply too many of us. Dr. Ehrlich's opening statement: "The battle to feed all of humanity is over."

He later went on to forecast that hundreds of millions would starve to death in the 1970s, that 65 million of them would be Americans, that crowded India was essentially doomed, that odds were fair "England will not exist in the year 2000."

The thing most uniquely similar between the days of Noah **and** today involves manipulating our DNA. It happened then; it's happening now.

Homework:

Read and re-read Genesis 6:1-5. If you've got a copy of Dr. Henry Morris' *The Genesis Record*, read his commentary on those verses.

Read and re-read Matthew 24:36-44. You might want to read all of chapter twenty-four, as well as chapter twenty-five.

We'll probably take a look at the days of Noah passage in Matthew next time we're together, Lord willing.