

TIME OF THE END (PART 8)

MATTHEW 24:32 TO 25:46

STEADY,
STEADFAST & SERVING
THE LORD!

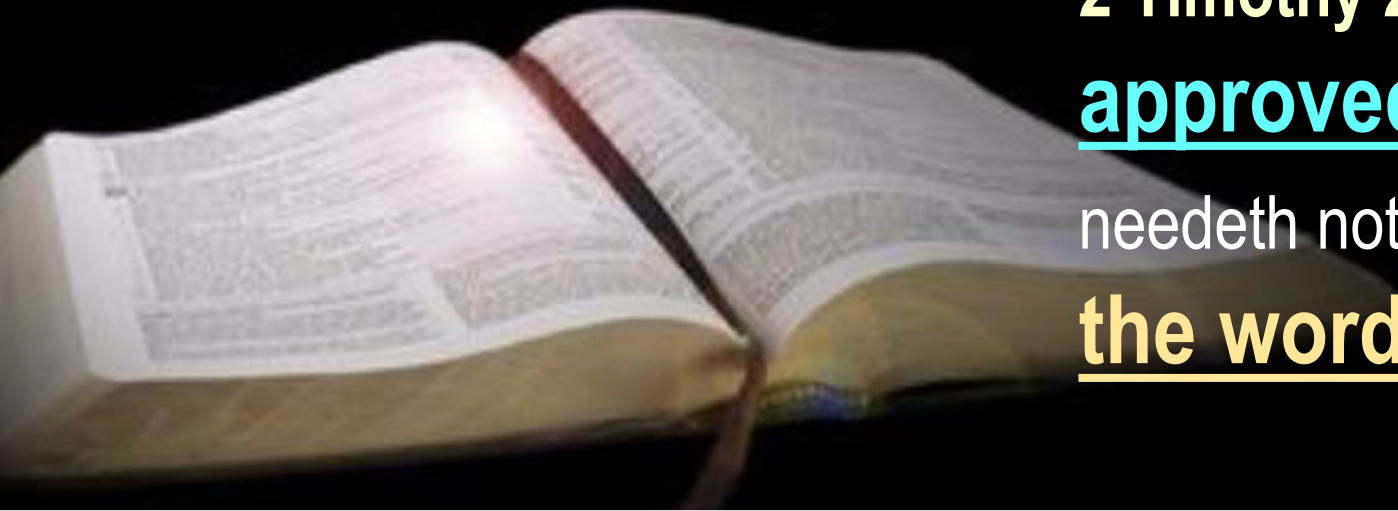


Recap 1:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



Recap 2: **Matthew 23** [Background to Matthew 24-25]

Matthew 23:37-39

37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. **38** “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! **39** “For I say to you, from now on **you will not see Me until you say,**

**‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’**

Recap 2: Matthew 23:39 [Background to Matthew 24-25]

- This is a Messianic greeting - they (*Jews and their leaders*) accepting Him as their Messiah!
- Just as the Jewish leaders led the nation to reject the Messiahship of Jesus, they must some day lead the nation to the acceptance of the Messiah-ship of Jesus!
- This will happen during the 7 Tribulation judgment years.
- Matthew 23 ends with Jesus talking about His Second Coming.
- Matthew 24-25 is about the 7 Tribulation Years leading to the 2nd Coming of Christ.

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The disciples posed 3 Questions to the Lord

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Q2: What will be the sign of Your coming?

Q3: (*What will be the sign*) of the end of the age?

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Q1: When will these things be?

This relate to the destruction of the Temple v1-2:

- the Temple that stood before them - known as Herod's Temple (begun in 20 B.C.)
- this is the second temple
- destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans
- Why? Because Israel did not recognize the time of the visitation of the Lord Jesus' first coming as their Messiah!
- They rejected Jesus as their Messiah!

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Q3: The end of the age?

- @ 2nd Coming, then establishment of **Millennial Messianic Kingdom**.
- When all **Israel's covenants are fulfilled**.
- Then, the Great White Throne **Judgment** plus Judgment of Books open - Revelation 20
- Then the **End of the Age** - The **Day of God**
2 Peter 3:12 = beginning of **Eternity**
- New Heavens and Earth

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Jesus answered this Question from v4 to v31

- "**Your Coming**" refers to Jesus' **2nd Coming**.
- Jesus was talking about events happening during the **7 Tribulation Years** also known as **Daniel's 70th Week = Time of Jacob's Trouble**
- Jesus drew reference to the book of **Daniel** in mentioning the abomination of desolation committed by the anti-christ in Mid-Tribulation.
- This is the "sign" - the reference point for the Jews to be alert to!

The Sign of Jesus Second Coming



Abomination of Desolation



3-1/2 Years - 42 mos -1260 D

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Tribulation

Great Tribulation

Tribulation - 7 Years
Daniel's 70th Week
(Time of Jacob's Trouble)

**2nd Coming
of Christ**



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- It does **not** refer to the "**Rapture**" which at the time of this discourse, remained a **mystery** later revealed to the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:50-55)
- At least 3 things Jesus mentioned in Matt 24 have **NO relevance to the Church**:
 1. The Temple
 2. Fleeing to the mountains
 3. Sabbath

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TOTE-7

TOTE-8

IV. The 5 Parabolic Illustrations

- The Olivet Discourse by the Lord Jesus re the Tribulation Years and His 2nd Coming.
- The 5 Parables must drive home the point of what He has just taught.
- These parables are connected to the preceding Discourse - eschatology.
- All 5 of these parables form a group.
- The parables must refer to the same events of v4-31 **(TOTE-Part 7)**.
- They all refer to the Second Coming of Christ, not the Rapture of the Church.
- Truths relating to the Rapture of the Church are revealed exclusively in the NT Epistles.

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Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. **33** So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! **34** Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.





Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- This is an illustration of a major sign when the end times are set to begin.
- A parable of a fig tree coming out of its dormant phase at the end of winter, when it appears dead because it has no leaves.
- It is not truly dead, as the leaves will emerge in Spring.

Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- “**put forth its first leaves**” signals a season change from winter to spring; and summer is next!
- When the leaves show up, summer is right around the corner and fruit will be found soon.
- In this illustration, the leaves of a fig tree could be considered a sort of clock.
- Even if you had no idea what month it was, you could tell summer was near by watching a fig tree blossom.



Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- Jesus chose a fig tree for this parable because a fig tree is a classic representation of Israel.
- Israel will serve as God's clock to tell us when the end times are here.
- For a time, Israel will appear lifeless, because the nation will be outside its land for centuries and many will conclude it is dead.
- But when Israel comes back to life, so to speak, we know the end times are near.
- In effect, Israel's return as a nation in 1948 on the world stage is the first significant sign that the end has come.

Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- Matthew 24:34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.
- all these things take place are the many signs and the sign of Matthew 24:4-31 (message of TOTE-7).
- they are the events happening from the beginning of the 7 Tribulation Years and paralleling the Seal Judgments of Revelation 6.
- “this generation refers to the generation that sees all these things take place.
- Jesus is saying when you see events of the Tribulation take place, you will know His 2nd Coming is near! - **The Son of Man is coming!** v29-30.



Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- another way of interpreting is to look at the entire nation of Israel as a new generation, not merely one birth generation.
- “**this**” generation can mean “this nation of Israel,” won’t pass away until all these things come to pass.
- When we see the nation of Israel returning to life, a new generation of Jews living in the land, we know the end is near.



Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration

- **Israel is God's clock** telling us that the **end times events have started**.
- And once that clock has started, there is nothing in the universe that can stop the events that follow.
- Jesus adds that Heavens and Earth shall pass away as a result of the end times events, but Jesus' word will not pass away.
- When you see Israel return, everything else Jesus said was coming will happen.



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Matthew 24:36-39 - Days of Noah

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.



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- here is Jesus speaking as the Son of Man - He did **not know** when He will return the 2nd time.
- **after** the Rapture and specifically **after the mid-point** of the Tribulation when the anti-Christ commits the abomination of desolation, the alert believer in the Tribulation **will know at least the day of Christ 2nd coming.**

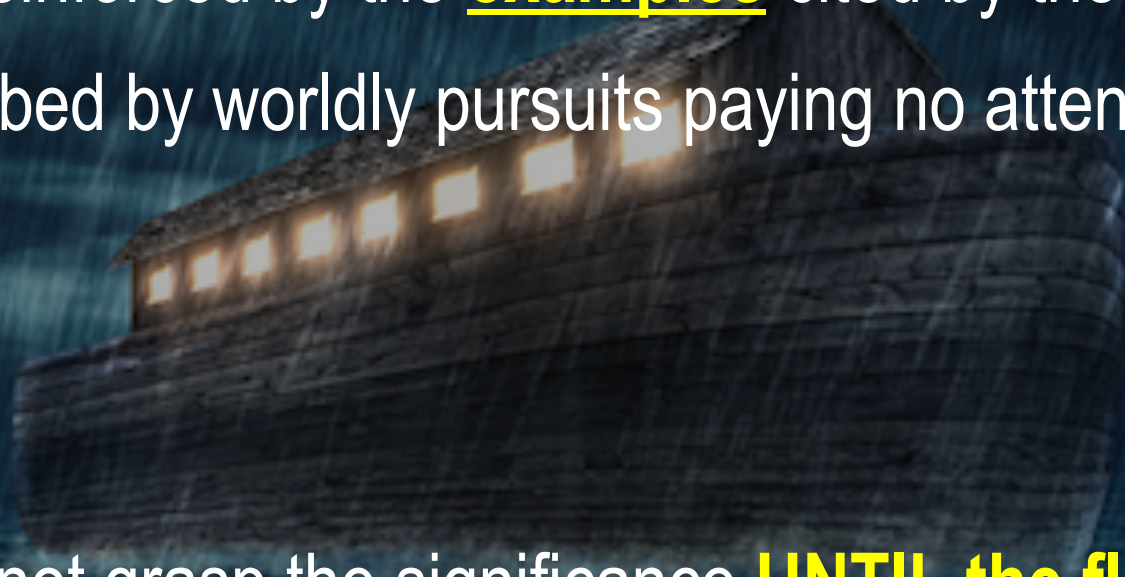
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- 2nd illustration when Jesus mention this comparison between His 2nd Coming and days of Noah.
- the likeness is seen in the suddenness of the coming of the flood judgment and the unpreparedness of the world for it.
- unpreparedness - so unexpected was the flood until it had already come upon them!
- similarly, the 2nd coming.
- issue of preparedness.

Matthew 24:37-39 - Days of Noah

- lack of preparedness is reinforced by the examples cited by the Lord.
- eating and drinking - absorbed by worldly pursuits paying no attention at all to solemn warnings.
- love of the world.
- they did not understand.
- did not heed the word, did not grasp the significance UNTIL the flood hits them.
- then they understood, BUT it is too late!



Matthew 24:37-39 - Days of Noah

- when Jesus was on earth, no one knew the date of His 2nd coming again except the Father.
- that Noah's days were analogous to the last days.
- that the unsaved in Noah's day did not know when the flood will come.
- but that the saved (Noah & family) did know at least 7 days in advance Genesis 7:4.

For after 7 more days, I will cause it to rain on the earth 40 days & 40 nights ...

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Matthew 24:39-42 - Two Men & Two Women

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. **40** Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. **41** Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **42** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.



- 3rd illustration Jesus mentioned about the separation between the 2 men and the 2 women.
- one is a believer and the other is not a believer.
- in context, this is NOT about the Rapture.
- it is about the 2nd Coming.
- 1st Question: who goes where?
- 2nd Question: where is the where?

Matthew 24:39-42 - Two Men & Two Women - Separation

- In the Rapture, believers are snatched away, up to meet the Lord in the air and with Him thereafter, whilst the unbeliever is left behind on earth to go thru Tribulation judgment.
- @ the 2nd Coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth at the battle of Armageddon and thereafter, is left on earth to reign with the Lord in the Millennial Messianic Kingdom!



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- @ the 2nd Coming, the unbeliever is taken away in judgment whilst the believer is left on earth to enter the Millennial Messianic Kingdom! (with the Lord)
- Note context and focus of Jesus discourse which is about the Tribulation & His 2nd Coming. The separation is illustrating that which preceded it (Noah & Flood)
i.e. those not prepared in days of Noah will be taken away in judgment by the flood!



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- v39 re Noah - emphasis on unbelievers being taken away in the judgment of the flood.
- v40-41 drive home the point by the coming separation examples.
- the unbelieving swept away by divine judgment.
- the believing Noah & family were left in the Ark and not destroyed by the flood judgment.



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Matthew 24:42-51 - Faithful & Wise House Servant - Two Parables

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **45** “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made

ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **46** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **47** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. **48** But if that evil servant

says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ **49** and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, **50** the master of that

servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, **51** and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:42-51 - Faithful & Wise House Servant - Two Parables

- Owner received **warning** of thief coming to break into house.
- owner knows and **prepares** by setting a watch to guard.
- knowledge must lead to **conscientious action** in light of impending event.
- one need to be **alert** concerning His coming.
- **unbelievers will not be alert because of their deadness to the things of God**

Matthew 24:42-51 - Faithful & Wise House Servant - Two Parables

- Israel was not prepared and ready when Christ came the first time.
- But the remnant Jews will be prepared, ready and enduring during the Tribulation years to anticipate His second coming!
- the parables Jesus spoke here all relate to Israel.

Major themes emphasized in the **5 Parabolic Illustrations**:

1. **Watchfulness**

- Fig Tree illustration

2. **Preparedness**

- Christ return compared with as in the days of Noah

3. **Consequences** to follow accordingly

- 2 Men & 2 Women Parables

4. **Faithfulness & Wisdom**

- the 2 parables of the faithful & wise house servant

Matthew 25 - 3 Sections

- I.** Parable of the Ten Virgins (v1-13)
- II.** Parable of the Talents (v14-30)
- III.** Judgment of the Gentiles (v31-46)

Matthew 24-25

- Matthew 25 is a continuation of the flow of Matthew 24.
- the context from Matthew 24 is about the Jews in the tribulation period.
- the parables of Matthew 25 relate to Israel, not the Church!
- it relates to Jesus 2nd Coming, not the Rapture.
- and to the judgment that will take place at the 2nd coming.
- and to the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom to follow.
- at the time of the Tribulation, the Church will be absent from the earth.



Matthew 24-25

- the Jews-Israel missed Messiah's first coming because of unbelief.
- they were judged temporarily in AD70 when the Temple and Jerusalem were destroyed.
- they need to be prepared for His 2nd return so that they will escape final judgment and to enter into blessing in the Millennial Messianic Kingdom.
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- The remnant Jews will be prepared and ready when He arrives the 2nd time.



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Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

Matthew 25:1-6

1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their

lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 “And at midnight a cry as heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ...



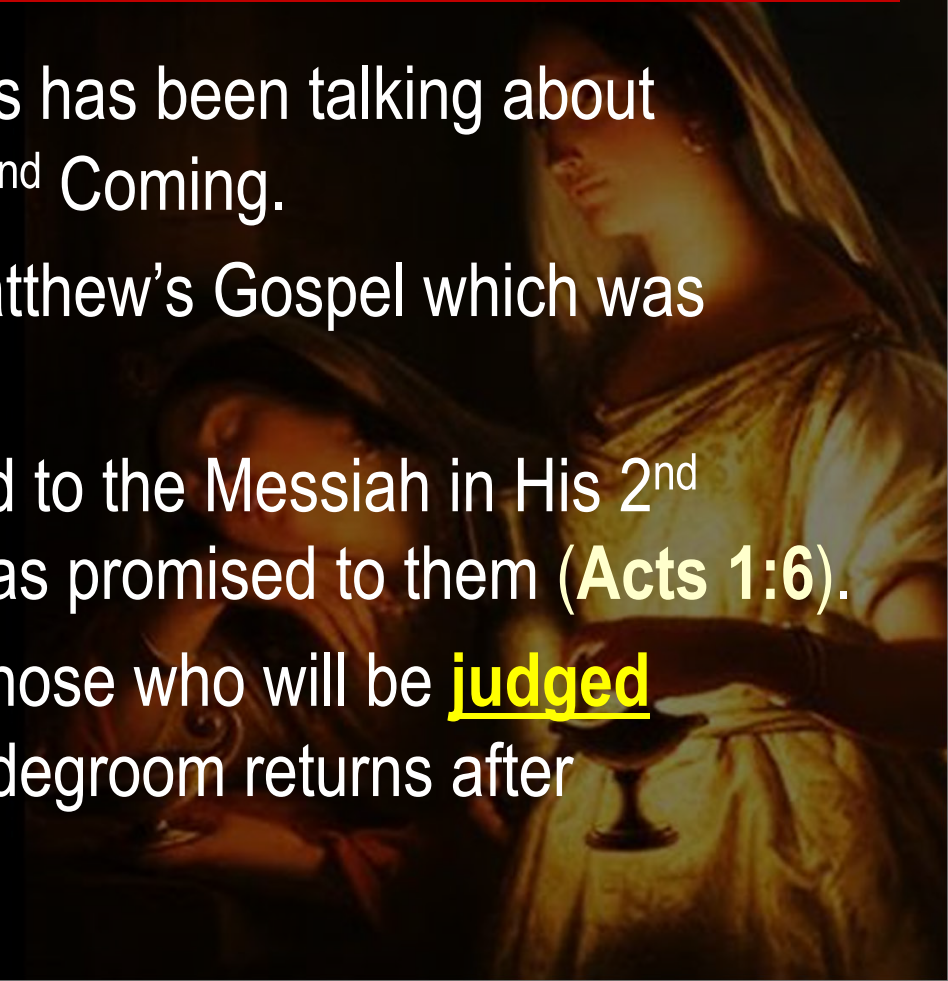
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- Context: “Then” suggest a continuation of what Jesus has been talking about i.e. many signs and the sign of events leading to His 2nd Coming.
- “kingdom of heaven” - a term commonly found in Matthew’s Gospel which was largely written to the Jews/Israel.

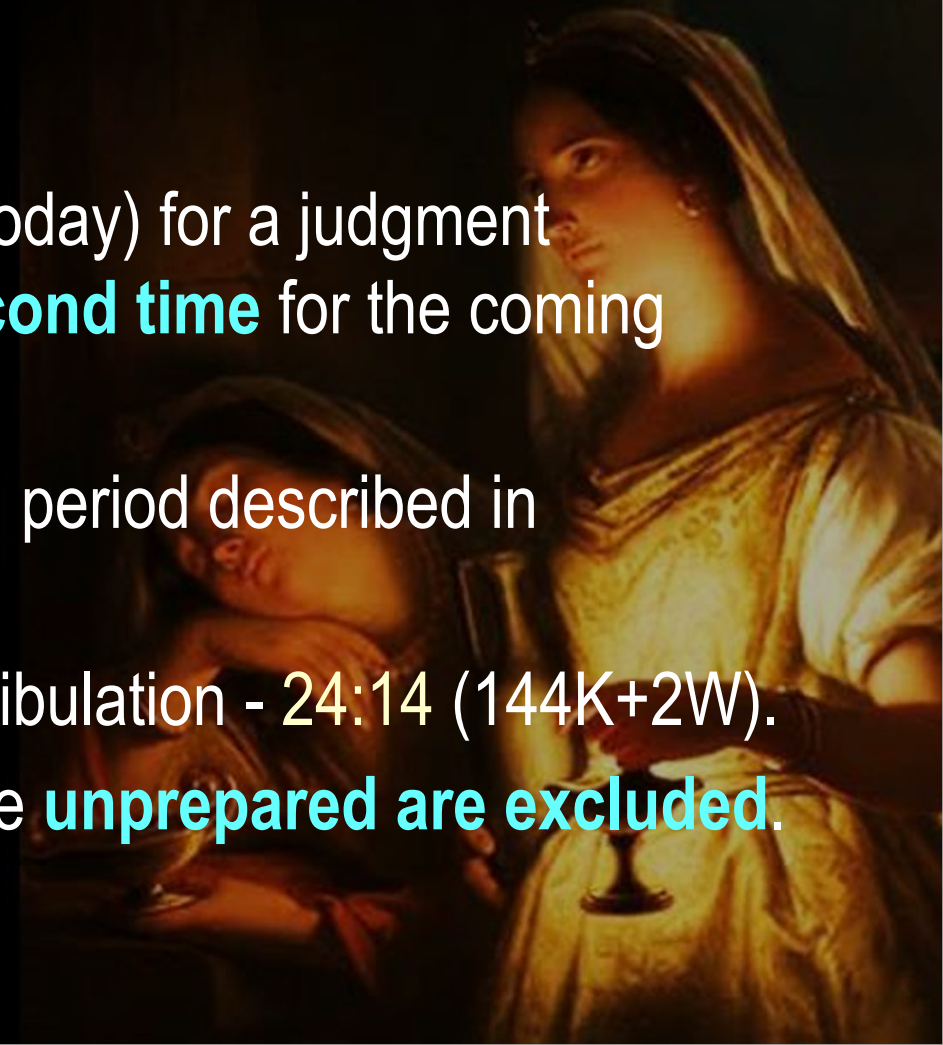
In the mind of the Jews/Israel, they are looking forward to the Messiah in His 2nd Coming to reign in the Millennial Kingdom on earth as promised to them (Acts 1:6).

- “likened to ten virgins” - an illustration referring to those who will be judged in order to qualify to be in the Kingdom when the Bridegroom returns after His wedding!



Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

- **Question:** On what **basis** will Israel be **judged**?
- the **answer** from this parable is **preparedness**.
- **Israel** is brought back to the **land** at the end of days (today) for a judgment to see who is prepared and who is unprepared the **second time** for the coming of the Messiah.
- The focus is on Israel in the last days of the Tribulation period described in Matthew 24.
- there is **strong testimony** given to Israel during the Tribulation - 24:14 (144K+2W).
- The **prepared enter the millennial Kingdom** while the **unprepared are excluded**.



Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

- the **10 virgins represent the nation of Israel as a whole.**
- Divided into 2 groups of 5 each.
- one group believing and prepared Israel (faith + works).
- other group did not prepare and represent unbelieving Israel.
- **cannot refer to the Church who is ONE chaste virgin, the Bride of Christ** - 2 Corinthians 11:2.
- here are 10 virgins-bridesmaids waiting for the Bridegroom to return.



Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

Luke 12:35-37

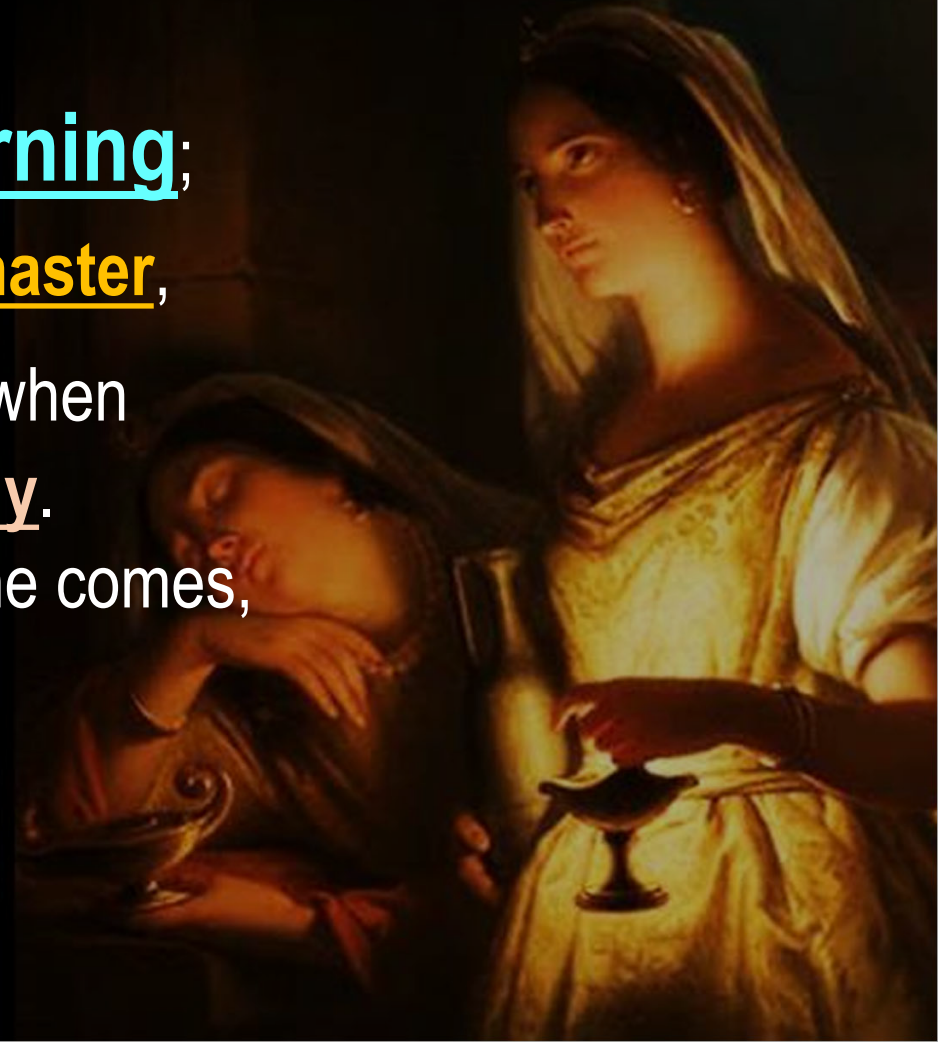
35 “Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;

36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master,

when he will return from the wedding, that when

he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching ...



Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

- Church will be raptured before the Tribulation.
- Church is saved by grace through faith alone.
- Similarly entire Church will be raptured by grace - regardless of your end-time views.
- No other qualification of spirituality (vs carnality) is needed for the Rapture of the Church.
- Rapture is not a reward for faithfulness and is a free gift as salvation.
- Judgment Seat of Christ will determine rewards and judgments of the believer accordingly. Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10



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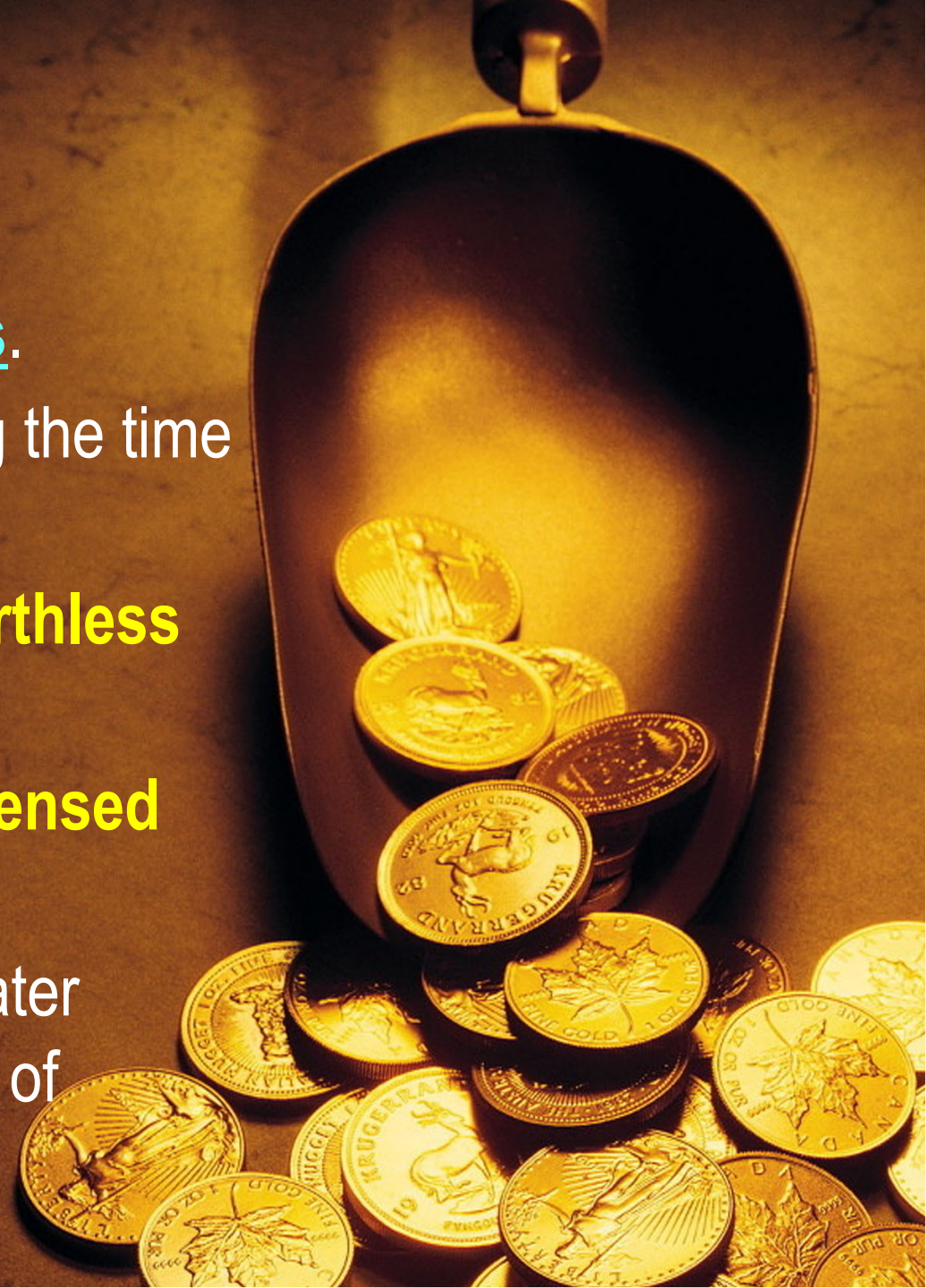
Matthew 25:14-15ff

14 For the kingdom of heaven is like (illustration) a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **15** And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey...



Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents

- this parable deals with the issue of faithfulness.
- that is how a true son of the Kingdom act during the time of the Master's absence.
- will he be **faithful** to his Lord or will he be a **worthless** servant?
- **servants will be evaluated for how they dispensed their responsibilities.**
- those found **faithful will be rewarded** with greater responsibility and wealth during the future reign of the king.



Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents

- the ones who do not inherit it will be **shut off from even an opportunity for entrance.**
- parable relates to **Israel's accountability before God for their stewardship** that will occur in conjunction with Christ second coming.
- same principle as Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:16-21) (tree & its fruit) - **faithfulness and preparedness.**
- **for Israel-Jews, character is manifested by works**
- the **same principle** will be **applied** in the **judgment of the nations!**



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Matthew 25:31-33

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, (2nd Coming)
and all the holy angels with Him, then He will
sit on the throne of His glory (reigning in Millennial Kingdom)

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him,
and He will separate them one from another,

as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand,
but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25:31-46 - Judgment of the Gentiles

- this is after the second coming of Christ and all Israel the elect are gathered.
- the Lord Jesus sits on His throne as Judge v31.
- the dividing process using analogy of sheep and goat.
- the sheep gentiles are those who have been good to the Jews during the Tribulation - defending them at risk of their lives, feeding them in desperate times, visiting them in prison.

Matthew 25:31-46 - Judgment of the Gentiles

- **sheep** gentiles are **saved believers v37** (after Mid-Tribulation) whose **“brethren”** (the Jews) they protected and aided v40
(Revelation 6:11 - Tn saints +fellow servants +brethren).
- **goat** gentiles are those who persecuted the Jews, rejected them, and did no good to the Jews.
- **goat** gentiles are accordingly judged as rebelling against God.

Matthew 25:31-46 - Judgment of the Gentiles

There are **3 different groups** at this judgment of the Nations.

1. The unsaved followers of the antichrist at the end of the tribulation called goats. Thrown into outer darkness!
2. Gentile Believers who survived martyrdom of the Tribulation called sheep. They ministered to the remnant Jews (brethren). They go into the Millennium.
3. The “brethren” whom the sheep befriend. They are the remnant believing Jews who will go into the Millennium. Jesus calls them “my brethren”.

Note that the bodies of 2 and 3 are not translated. They go on to populate the earth. **Isaiah 65:20-25**

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- II. **Matthew 24:14-20** - Happenings at Mid-Tribulation
- III. **Matthew 24:21-31** - Happenings during last 3-½ years of Tribulation
- IV. **Matthew 24:32-51** - 5 Parabolic Illustrations
- V. **Matthew 25:1-13** - Parable of the 10 Virgins
- VI. **Matthew 25:14-30** - Parable of the Talents
- VII. **Matthew 25:31-46** - Sheep and Goat Judgments

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Life after the Rapture (Prophecy Round Table - Amir Tsarfati, Jan Markell & Barry Stagner)

- A time of: devastation
- dissension
- disease
- disasters
- death
- delusion
- the sun turns black
- the moon turns blood red
- the stars fall from the sky
- world in chaotic mess

- devastating earthquakes
- rampant lawlessness
- the Restrainer is gone
- mountains and islands move
- the ocean becomes blood
- water becomes poisoned
- many long to die but cannot
- demons running unchecked
- drugs bending minds of people
- sorcery

- billion+ people perish
- a Satanic trinity
- global government and religion.
- ruthless antichrist
- the COVID climate is setting the stage for much of this.

Bottom-Line - Steady, Steadfast & Serving

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (@Rapture)

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



Bottom-Line - Steady, Steadfast & Serving

Steady - How?

Be Watchful & Wise

Steadfast & Immovable - How?

**Rooted to the Word
and connected to
the Holy Spirit**

Serving the Lord! - How?

**Be fully plugged in
the Body-Life!**