

Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD

April 10, 2019 Lesson #14 2nd Coming Judgments

When Jesus returns to the earth at His Second Coming, He will return in judgment. Paul says. II Thess. 1:7-9 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; His Second Coming will be a time of relief for the believers and vengeance for unbelievers. Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth Judge and Make War.

Jesus taught that following His return and the regathering of the nation of Israel to their land, the nation would be brought under judgment.

Matt. 24:29-31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Judgment of Israel is prophesied in Ezekiel 20:34-44.

And I will bring you out from the people and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Points: 1. v. 35-36 The Lord will plead with them face to face. They are physically present before God.

2. v. 34 The time is indicated as being when God gathers them from all the countries where they are scattered. This is clearly a judgment of Israel after the Tribulation.

3. v. 38 Those who are rebels will be purged; sent into judgment.

4. v. 37 Those who are right with God will be brought "into the bond of the covenant."

Rom. 11:26-27 teaches the covenant that God will take away their sins. These will enter into the land and will clearly take their place in Christ's 1000 year Millennial Kingdom.

Matt 24:36 begins with "No one knows about that day or hour ..." What day? What hour? According to Matt. 24:37 and 39 it's the day and hour of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Remember to stay in context. That's been His subject since verse 30. The specific timing of His 2nd coming is shrouded in mystery. No less than 4 times within a span of 27 verses Jesus said the people alive on Earth at the time will not know the day or hour of His coming in advance (Matt. 24:36, 42-44, 50, Matt. 25:13). In fact, the only time He used the "day and hour" phrase was in conjunction with His 2nd Coming.

This lends support to the idea that His 2nd Coming will take place on the Feast of Trumpets. It was called the feast where no one knows the day or hour because it came on a new moon, which was very difficult to see in the night skies.

Add to that the fact that immediately after the Great Tribulation the Moon will go dark entirely (Matt. 24:29) and it makes a difficult task all but impossible.

Matt. 24:36-39 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

- ❖ Before the flood, unbelievers had no idea what was coming or why.
- ❖ When Noah tried to warn them about it, they just laughed, as if he were crazy. Right up to the day of the flood, they kept going about their lives, clueless to the fact that life as they knew it was about to end forever.
- ❖ It will be like that at the End of the Age as well.
- ❖ Jesus said the nations will mourn when they see Him coming [Matt. 24:30].
- ❖ They'll finally realize that what they've been hearing is true and it will be too late for them to do anything in response.

Matt. 24:40-41 THEN [Greek = At that time; which time? 2nd Coming] shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

He gave three examples of people appearing to be just alike and doing the same things, but one would be received into the Kingdom while the other would be sent away to eternal punishment. Matthew mentioned only two of them, the men in the field and the women grinding with a hand mill [Matt. 24:40-41]. Luke added the two people sleeping in the same bed [Luke 17:34].

The Lord's point was that what differentiated them was not external and physical but was internal and spiritual. It's what they believe that makes them different.

- ❖ This example speaks of Tribulation survivors who will stand before the Lord upon His return to learn of their destiny.

The key to understanding these examples lies in the words taken and left.

- ❖ The Greek word for "taken" means to take unto oneself, or receive, and refers to surviving believers who will be received into Christ's Millennial Kingdom.

❖ The word for "left" means to send away.

These are the unbelievers who will be sent away for judgment.

Then He gave a warning that those who survive the Great Tribulation will not know the day or hour of His return so they should be watching for Him like a homeowner watches for a thief he knows is coming [Matt. 24:42-44].

⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

- They will not know the exact day or hour of His return.
- If they know the Scriptures, they can count 1260 days [42 months; 3 ½ years] from the mid-point of the Tribulation Period until the end of the 7 year period.
- BUT there is an unspecified amount of time between the end of the Tribulation and the appearance of the Sign of The Son of Man & His actual return in power and glory.

Admonition: Watch! Be Prepared! Be Ready!

Many don't believe "the thief" is coming in judgment and they will be held accountable even though the angel has been announcing it.

Rev. 14:6-7 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, ⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Rev. 14:9-10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Consider: Many are not paying attention to the prophecies being fulfilled around them. They don't realize that if they waver too long, they'll be taken by surprise and miss their last chance at salvation. They'll surely be aware of the massive disruptions to their lives caused by the End Times judgments. They just won't understand what's behind it all. Remember, confusion and deception will be the order of the day.

Think about the analogy of the thief. As the Lord returns unexpectedly (like a thief), He'll be breaking into a place the enemy thinks belongs to him and his followers.

Phil. 3:19 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: "Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

Consider: He won't be coming as a thief in the night as far as believers are concerned, stealthily breaking into their world. They'll be eagerly watching and impatiently waiting, counting the days, praying for His coming, longing for His 2nd Coming to Establish His Kingdom.

Lesson: Since no one can know the day or the hour the Lord will return, they must constantly be in a state of alertness, ready at any moment, prepared to stand before Him.

4 parables the Lord gave us concerning the situation He'll find on Earth when He returns.

Remember, they won't know the exact hour or day of His return to rescue them.

All the discussion has been concerning Israel's last 7 years.

M'Neile: Since the parable deals with the Parousia [2nd Coming], the words apply to the age to come; the Millennial Kingdom. [Do not apply to Church Age Believers & New Jerusalem]

Matt. 24:45-51 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

- ❖ This is a parable where everything is symbolic. The timing is just after 2nd coming.
- ❖ Master's household = body of Tribulation believers
- ❖ Servants = Tribulation leaders who teach; positions of spiritual leadership
- ❖ Food = The Word of God
- ❖ Those who are faithful to teach the truths of God's Word through the intense hardship and persecution will have places of authority in Christ's Millennial Kingdom.
- ❖ They have taught sound doctrine to the flock entrusted to them.

⁴⁸ But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

⁴⁹ And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

- ❖ Will teach false doctrine = eating and drinking with drunkards
- ❖ Not expecting the Lord and will beat or oppress their flocks with lies about His coming.

⁵⁰ The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

⁵¹ And shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- ❖ Having forsaken the truth, the wicked servants will no longer be watching for the Lord's return, ignoring the obvious fulfillment of prophecy all around them and ridiculing those whose faith sustains them.
- ❖ If the evil servant takes no note of the coming return and deludes himself into thinking either it will never happen or there is plenty of time for reform later, he will be severely punished.
- ❖ "Cut off" is a better translation. It is used for being cut off from the rest of the group.
- ❖ The idea of separation fits with the context. ALL the people in these parables who receive punishment, it is separation from God.
- ❖ They will not enter Christ's kingdom for their hypocrisy.
- ❖ Hypocrite in Greek = someone who appears to be something they're not = a pretender

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost: The 2 parables of Matthew 25:1-30 teach that the regathered nation of Israel will be judged to determine who is saved and who is unsaved. The purpose of this judgment will be to exclude the unsaved and receive the saved into Christ's Millennial Kingdom which He will establish after His Second Coming." Since they missed Messiah's first coming because of unbelief and were judged temporally in 70 AD, they need to BE PREPARED for His return so they will escape judgment and enter into blessing, His Millennial Kingdom.

Reminder: The nation of Israel was promised an earthly Kingdom with God dwelling among them where they would be the pre-eminent nation on earth in His Kingdom. At Christ's return, He will regather Israel, judge them, and rebels or unbelievers will be purged out [separated]. Only those who pass the searching judgment of Christ will be allowed to enter into the Millennial Kingdom.

Consider: The text in these parables doesn't use the word believe.

- All those who receive severe judgment have actions which indicate they didn't believe.
- All those who are allowed to enter the Kingdom and are rewarded for their faithfulness have characteristics of being prepared, faithful, fruitful, etc.

Jesus' words right before the 3 parables:

Matt. 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matt. 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matt. 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Dwight Pentecost: What seems to be the basis of this judgment?

The answer in 25:1-13 is preparedness. Maintain watch, be ready and prepared.

Matt. 25 begins with the phrase "AT THAT TIME, ..." [Then = tote in Greek = at that time] which is the time immediately following the 2nd Coming and contains 3 illustrations the Lord used to describe judgments He'll conduct after He returns.

1. The parables in Matt. 25 are a continuation of the previous chapter.
2. They need to be prepared for His return so they will escape judgment and enter into blessing > His Millennial Kingdom.

The Parable of 10 Virgins: Matt. 25:1-13

Then [at that time] shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage banquet: and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹² But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

¹³ Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The focus is on Israel. The parable of the ten virgins provides a picture of living Israel brought back to the land at the end of days for a judgment to see who is prepared and who is unprepared the second time for the coming of Messiah.

The ten virgins represent the nation of Israel as a whole. The nation is divided into two groups of five each. One group, the wise, is depicted as prepared and waiting since they have obtained extra oil in case a delay occurs in the coming of the bridegroom. This first group represents believing and prepared Israel who will enter the millennial kingdom.

The second group, the foolish, who represent unbelieving Israel, did not prepare and were not ready for the Messiah's 2nd coming.

Dr. Pentecost: Although a strong testimony will be given to the nation of Israel during the Tribulation (Matt. 24:14), some will be unprepared when the King comes to institute His millennial kingdom. The prepared will be received into the kingdom to enjoy its bounty but the unprepared will be excluded. Christ's words at the end of the parable. Matt. 25:13

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The Parable Of The Talents: Matt. 25:14-30

The same time period as the parable of the 10 Virgins, the Time of His 2nd Coming.

Theme: Emphasizes the need to use the talents God gives us. A talent unused is a talent wasted. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them HIS goods. And unto one he gave 5 talents, to another 2, and to another 1; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made them other five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

¹⁸ But he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

²⁰ And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me 5 talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

²² He also that had received 2 talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

²⁵ And I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

²⁶ His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

²⁷ Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

²⁸ Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

²⁹ For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

³⁰ And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Key thoughts: Watching, Readiness, Preparedness, Faithfulness, Good stewards

Interesting Thought: Upon his return, He asks those to whom he had entrusted it what they've accomplished. Reading the Bible, it's clear that money isn't important to the Lord. But Psalms 138:2 says that He values His Word above all else. Could the talents represent His Word?

- Those who sow it into the hearts of others find that it multiplies in new believers.
- Those who study it find that their own understanding grows, multiplying their faith.
- But those who ignore His word find that it's like burying it in the ground. Out of sight, out of mind, until what little they began with is lost to them. This proves it never held any value for them, and condemns them as unbelievers, to be cast into the outer darkness.

They had heard the truth and ignored it. Now it's too late.

Sheep & Goat Judgment: Living Gentiles At His 2nd Coming - Matt. 25:31-48

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all nations [Gentiles]: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats:

³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:⁴² For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat:

I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?⁴⁵ Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The Gentile Sheep

- Defending "His brethren" at the risk of their lives, visiting them in prison and feeding them during those desperate times.
- Indicates they are born again believers who protected and aided the "brethren."
- They are called "righteous" in v. 37. They have been made "righteous" by faith in the blood of the Lamb and His subsequent resurrection.

Greek word for righteous is also used of the doctrine of justification by faith.

[Christ's righteousness is imputed to a believer.]

- Walvoord: "Works are presented here, not as the ground of salvation, but as the evidence of it, in the sense of James 2:26: "Faith without works is dead."
Good works CANNOT produce faith. Faith produces good works.

The Gentile Goats

- Those who persecuted them or rejected them will be put on the left side, signifying their rebellion towards God. For this rebellion they "will go away into eternal punishment" (25:46).

All 3 parables illustrate that surviving believers will enter His Kingdom alive in their fleshly bodies. This group will comprise the believers from the whole house of Israel and the Gentile believers. They have demonstrated the attitudes of watchfulness, readiness, preparedness, faithfulness and good stewardship. But just like it has been all through man's history, they are all saved by grace through faith.

Question: Will He find you watching, ready, prepared, faithful and a good steward?