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PROPHETIC EDUCATION

- Able & Wise
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It's all right here, all in one place. And we can be sure that Y'shua's timing was perfect. Everything He did was exquisite. He had two days of interactions in the temple that began when He entered Jerusalem and the multitudes publicly acknowledged that He was indeed the anticipated Messiah—an inflammatory start to His visit, to say the least. And on the first day He initiated a total cleanse of God's house. It followed with a day of interrogation, at least that's what the religious leaders intended, those who were convinced they had the upper hand. It turned out, instead, to be a complete indictment of a religious system that had fallen far away from the God they claimed to worship.

The cleanse ended with Y'shua's final verdict, a scathing report: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees... you are loaded down with hypocrisy, lawlessness and pretense; motivated by extortion and self-indulgence; and painted on the outside to look good. But,

you are really no different than a painted tomb. Although it might look clean and pretty on the outside, inside the coffin is a pile of dead men's decaying bones. Other descriptors that come to mind to round off My opinion of you are: blind guides, fools, serpents, and brood of vipers. You would travel long distances, over land and sea, to convert even one person to your faith, who you then make into twice the son of hell as yourselves." This assessment allows no room for interpretation of how Y'shua views man's religion.

Then He leaves the temple and heads out east of the city, through the Kidron valley and up onto the Mount of Olives. Once situated there with His disciples, He looks back toward the temple and reveals that the whole hypocritical religious system is coming down. It won't happen instantly; there are prophetic patterns to fulfill—a framework to understand. And quite frankly, God's people are very behind on their prophetic education, obviously because their teachers were more concerned with building their own kingdom than preaching about the kingdom of God.

That is all about to change. These disciples have been walking through a kingdom education from the moment they heard, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand," all the way to this significant prophetic moment on the mountain. Now, Y'shua will teach them all that must happen from this moment forward—all the way to the very end of the age! It would seem an impossible task in

such a short sermon, but nothing is impossible with God. And it's not only possible, but Y'shua does so in what can be read today in ninety-seven verses—2028 words in a popular English translation. Two thousand words to describe the rest of history!

Since that's the case, I think any serious student of God would make understanding those words a priority of critical importance. Minimally, put it on your bucket list—but don't place it down near the bottom, lest you be the servant who hears, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you. Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

PROPHETIC SEED:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then** the end will come."

Matthew 24:14 NKJV

"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place." Matthew 24:34 NKJV

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master **made ruler** over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that **he will make him ruler over all his goods.**" Matthew 24:45-47 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the wedding**; and the door was shut.” Matthew 25:10 NKJV

“His Lord said to him, ‘**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’” Matthew 25:21 NKJV

““For to **everyone who has, more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 25:29 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Introduction

Last week in [The Hypocrisies](#), while still in the temple, Y'shua continued His offensive assault on the religious leaders of the day for their hypocrisy! This “not so gentle Jesus” approach began in Chapter 21 (see [Going on the Offensive](#)). Some view this discourse as if it stands apart from the fifth and final discourse in Matthew 24-25 (the Olivet Discourse). I personally favor this view. It has all the qualities of a teaching that stands alone.

It's main content contained the stiffest rebuke of religious hypocrisy yet, but it ended with a final heartfelt appeal. Please

come under my teachings and authority—you will be safe there and I will provide all you will ever need. Yet, Y'shua knew in His heart that most of those who received His original invitation would not accept, and for that He was very sorrowful.

This week in the Olivet Discourse, Y'shua has left the Temple and heads out through the Kidron Valley and up onto the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem, and He is looking back toward the Temple and the eastern wall of the city. It is the final discourse in Matthew's Gospel, and this one is about the end—what is coming and the necessary final preparations.

Y'shua speaks about the coming end to the first century Jewish religious system and then teaches His disciples about the signs of the end-of-the-age. He introduces the great tribulation, what it will look like before His second coming, and how even He does not know the exact day or hour that will occur.

The rest of the discourse is about what it means to be prepared for His return. He calls those who are ready His wise and faithful servants. He even uses two parables to stress the importance of preparedness, what it looks like to be prepared and the consequences for not being ready and the coming judgement.

Matthew 24 (Final Preparations for Y'shua's Return)

The Destruction of the Temple

1. After all His teachings in the temple over the last two days, Y'shua leaves the temple with His disciples, goes up onto the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley to the east of the city, and then looks back towards the buildings of the temple.
2. He draws their attention to the temple in the distance.
3. He tells them that the whole thing is coming down. Every stone will be dismantled.

Signs, The End, and The Gospel of the Kingdom

4. The disciples want to know what indicators they should be aware of that Y'shua will return and when all this temple destruction will take place.
5. Y'shua gives them an overview of the end-of-the-age.
 - a) First, be careful that no one deceives you about the end of the age.
 - b) Many people will be fooled by frauds who say they are the Messiah.
 - c) There will be many international conflicts, large scale and small, and many more threats of conflicts. This must happen, so don't be worried about them.
 - d) There will be food shortages, crop destruction, plagues, and earthquakes throughout the world.

- e) These crises are just the beginning of the sad times.
 - f) Those who follow Y'shua will face great trials and persecution, and will even be handed over for execution.
 - g) They will be hated all over the world because they identify with the name of Y'shua.
 - h) Many so-called followers of Christ will be very insulted by how the world views Christianity and they will want no part of it.
 - i) They will turn on true Christians because, in reality, they despise all that the true faith represents and what it requires, and all those who hold to its fundamental, inflexible, uncompromising principles.
6. False prophets and pseudo-pastors without any true prophetic oversight have dominated the church for centuries and are easily fooled and fool others easily.
 7. The true love of God will be missing from fake-Christians.
 8. However, those who are evaluated at the end, who turn out to be authentic Christians, are the ones who will really be saved.
 9. In order for the end to come, the gospel of the kingdom must be preached to the whole world to serve as the distinguishing testimony of the true, mature, and prepared Church.

The Great Tribulation

10. Y'shua then rewinds and gives a summary of the end-of-the-age events.
11. First is a reference to the prophecy of Daniel that refers to the end and takeover of the Jewish temple service by pagan practices—an utter abomination.
12. If you know what Daniel 9 prophesied, you know to what I am referring, Y'shua says.
13. During that time the people of Judea must flee to the mountains in a state of emergency.
 - a) It will be the greatest persecution of God's people in human history (past, present and future considered).
 - b) It will become known as the great tribulation.
 - c) If God does not supernaturally intervene in the events of that time, no one would survive, not even a single Christian, but He will for the sake of His church!
 - d) Leave your homes quickly, take nothing with you, and don't go back to retrieve anything you think you need.
 - e) If you are out working, do not go home first for a change of clothes.
 - f) It will obviously be even more difficult if you are pregnant or nursing babies when you have to escape so quickly.

- g) It will also be more challenging to escape if the weather is cold, rainy, or snowy, or if the moment you must run is on the Sabbath—because it's clearly more difficult to do anything quickly when you are in full-rest mode.
14. In that time of panic and crises, it will be very tempting to look to anyone who can save you and, because of that, false christs and false prophets will spring up everywhere—looking to take advantage of those who are frightened.
15. It will be tempting to follow them as they will be very convincing with their persuasive words and seemingly supernatural abilities.
16. Plus, others will be their advocates trying to convince you they are authentic. Don't buy in!
17. Seriously, they will seem so legit that even Christians will be tempted to believe they are the real deal. That is why I am warning you ahead of time to be on the lookout.
18. Trust Me, when I return it will look very specific. What do I mean by that?
19. I mean there are very specific things that must have taken place before I will come back. If those things have not occurred yet, then there is no way I can return. So, no matter how convincing it looks, it can't be Me if what must occur first has not occurred yet.

20. Y'shua gives clues about what will tell us if He can return just yet, plus there are more specifics coming in this very sermon.

Pay attention so you are not one of those who gets fooled.

21. And by the way, there will be so much bad doctrine around these events in the church over the next 2000 years, that it will get increasingly more difficult to sort out the the truth. That is why you must be sharp.

The Second Coming

22. Notice that it is only AFTER the great tribulation just described that I will return.

23. And this is what it will look like when that time comes.

- a) It will be so dark as if there is no light at all—no sun, no moon, no stars.
- b) It will be as if nature itself has failed.
- c) Then, I will break forth in the sky through that darkness, and My glory will light up the heavens.
- d) At that moment, every human still alive who ever denied Me will instantly regret they did—INSTANTLY!
- e) Then, at the sound of the last trumpet (after the great tribulation) I will rapture My church from the whole world.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

- 24. Then Y'shua assures us that the signs He just illuminated are as predictable as the ripening of figs as the summer nears.
- 25. He also reveals something critically important.
- 26. There will be only one generation between the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached to the whole world (v. 14) and His second coming and the rapture of the church (vv. 29-31) which is further expanded upon with what we should be doing when the Lord returns in (vv. 45-51).

The Day and the Hour

- 27. When precisely is all this going to happen? Only the Father knows. That is why you must be paying attention.
- 28. Also, Noah and the flood are a great reference point for understanding My return.
- 29. Before the flood, the whole world was going about their daily lives like NOTHING was going to happen. Only Noah was preparing.
- 30. It was not until Noah got in the ark and the flood actually arrived and swept all the unsuspecting unprepared people to their deaths that anyone was even aware of what was about to happen. No pagan cared; no pagan was ready! That is exactly like it will be before My second coming.

31. Noah and his family, who had an ark prepared, represent My chosen people who will be ready—those who are so prepared that even when I come at a time they do not expect—they will be ready. Everyone else will be left behind in the flood.

The Faithful and Wise Servant

32. Then Y'shua gives us the definitive explanation of what it looks like to be prepared.

33. Yes, Noah and his ark admonishes us with an overarching theme of preparation.

34. But now Y'shua will clue us in on specifics. How should His church prepare for such a time?

35. He does so in classic rabbinic style—by asking a question for which He will not give the answer. He expects us to search for the answer.

36. Question: “Who is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”

37. Promise: “Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”

38. Hint: “He will make him ruler over all his goods.”

39. Warning: “If he is not prepared when the master comes, it will turn out very badly for him when the master returns.” Those

who are unprepared get what is promised for the *hypocrites* in Matthew 23.

40. Reminder: the master is coming back on a day and hour no one knows exactly. That's the whole point of being prepared!

Matthew 25 (What it Looks Like when Y'shua Returns)

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

41. The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to...a bride waiting for her bridegroom.

42. But think of ten examples: half are really ready and half are not ready at all.

43. We will call the prepared brides wise and the unprepared brides fools.

44. The wise brides are prepared in the same way one is prepared in the dark with enough oil for their oil lamps, which is especially important if you are suddenly in need of light at midnight.

45. How horrible would it be if the bridegroom came at night and, as his bride, you were incapable of meeting him because you were stuck in the dark with no oil.

46. And even worse is if you were the one stuck with no oil and had to beg those who were prepared to share their oil, only to be denied.

47. And then while you rush out at the last minute to get prepared, to find oil, the bridegroom comes and you miss him, and miss the wedding.
48. You simply don't know exactly when he is coming, so be prepared at all times.

The Parable of the Talents

49. The next preparation message uses a kingdom assignment allegory as opposed to the wedding theme.
50. The master is about to go away for a while and he calls in three of his servants to leave them with their individual assignments.
51. Each is given something different, specific to their role in the master's household, then he leaves.
52. Two of the servants take what they are given and are quite inventive and industrious.
53. They take their role as stewards of their master's goods quite seriously and add to what their master gave them!
54. The other servant operates out of fear and really does nothing with what he was tasked. He is afraid to make a mistake and possibly ruin even what he was handed, so he protects what he was given, adds nothing of value to it, keeps it exactly the same—plays it safe.

55. After an extended time away, the master returns and the first thing he wants to do is if see his servants were faithful with their assignments.
56. The two who added more to what was given are rewarded handsomely.
- a) *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”*
57. The fearful servant who did nothing with his assignment is met with the opposite reaction.
58. We learn two key things about the kingdom economy from this fearful servant.
59. The fearful servant attempts to hand back to his Lord only what was given to him, and the Lord will have no part of it!
60. The Lord calls him a “wicked and lazy servant,” affirms that yes indeed there is a time to reap where you have not sown, and that he should have done at least something minimal, to at least give his Lord even a tiny bit more than he was left with.
61. In the end we see that this wicked servant loses everything and those who multiplied their masters goods are given even more because of their faithfulness.
62. The wicked servant is removed from the masters workforce!

Judging the Nations

63. Then, in the final words of His second to last sermon before His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, Y'shua gives us a little glimpse of what the judgment will look like AFTER He returns.

- a) He will sit on the throne of His glory.
- b) All the nations will be gathered before Him.
- c) He will separate the sheep from the goats.
- d) The sheep are on His right, goats on the left.

64. To those on His right (sheep): *"Come, you are blessed; inherit the kingdom!"*

- a) Note: the fruit of your true beliefs showed up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your life as if you were treating Me that way. And you did great!

65. To those on the left (goats): *"Depart from Me, you are cursed, inherit everlasting fire with the devil!"*

- a) Note: the fruit of your true beliefs showed up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your life as if you were treating Me that way. And you did horrible!

ABLE & WISE

1. Matthew 24: Final Preparations for Y'shua's Return

A. Prophetic Framework

(1) A Commission: the authority to perform a task or certain duties.

(a) Everyone is familiar with what we call in Christianity the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28.

1. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."*

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

a) If you look closely, it really has two parts; baptize them, then teach them! We might think of it as one commission with a double duty. We will soon be there in our studies.

(b) But hardly anyone is familiar with the "Prophetic Commission" that came beforehand in Matthew 24. This mandate also has two parts, with just a single generation sandwiched in between (like an Oreo Cookie). In the prophetic world that is a very short period of time. Again, we might think of it as one

commision with a double duty. The prophetic fulfillment of this commission will actually come after the commission in Matthew 28. The “Great Commision” is preparation for this “Prophetic Commision.”

1. **Top Cookie:** *“And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then** the end will come.”* Matthew 24:14 NKJV
2. **Cream:** *“Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass** away till all these things take place.”* Matthew 24:34 NKJV
3. **Bottom Cookie:** *“**Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his master **made ruler** over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that **he will make him ruler over all his goods.**”* Matthew 24:45-47 NKJV

(c) More on this later in this study!

B. The Destruction of the Temple

(1) Prophetic Vision

(a) Do you not see all these things?

1. “Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, **“Do you not see all these things?** Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”” Matthew 24:1-2 NKJV

(2) Y’shua leaves the Temple

(a) After all His teachings over the last two days...

1. Y’shua leaves the temple with His disciples, goes up onto the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley to the east of the city, and then looks back towards the city and the buildings.
2. He draws their attention to the temple in the distance.
3. He tells them that the whole thing is coming down. Every stone will be dismantled.
 - a) That literally does happen in 70 AD as the Romans reclaim Jerusalem and burn down the second temple. The western wall was all that remained.
 - b) In the moment, Y’shua was hinting at what was needed—a reset of religious institutions that had become so corrupt.

c) Also you should know, in John (the prophetic gospel writer), Y'shua made inference to the destruction of the temple when He was cleansing the temple. *But of course, He was speaking of the temple of His body.* And we are that temple!

1) "So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since **You do these things?** *[turning tables and accusing them of turning the temple into a den of robbers]*" Jesus answered and said to them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**"

Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" **But He was speaking of the temple of His body.** Therefore, **when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them;** and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said."

John 2:18-22 NKJV

2) "Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. **For the temple of God is holy,**

which temple you are.” I Corinthians 3:16-17

NKJV

C. First Duty: Preach the gospel of the kingdom...

(1) Prophetic Capacity

- (a) Preach the gospel of the kingdom (by being a witness) to the whole world!

1. “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, **when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**” And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then

many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because **lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold. **But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**" Matthew 24:3-14 NKJV

(2) When will these things be?

(a) What signs should we look for?

1. The disciples want to know what indicators they should be aware of that Y'shua will return and when all this temple destruction will take place.
2. Y'shua gives them an overview of the end-of-the-age.
 - a) First, be careful that no one deceives you about the end of the age.
 - 1) Bad eschatology: Church doctrine is loaded with various positions about "end times."
 - 2) Many of them use the "rapture" of the church, God's people getting "caught up" into the air and whisked out of tribulation as the inflection point. I'll name a few, but this study is not to dive into any of these to either prove or debunk them.

- a. Pre-tribulation rapture
 - b. Mid-tribulation rapture
 - c. Post-tribulation rapture
 - d. Pre-wrath rapture
 - e. a-millennial (no literal millennial kingdom)
 - f. No Rapture
- 3) I will just say that errors abound in all of these “theories” because they fail to take certain key elements into consideration when building their model. I will also add that when you become an expert at what is authentic, the counterfeits are easy to spot. In other words, you need not become an expert on each counterfeit if you are an expert in what is true! (Note: that is how bankers are taught to spot counterfeit money—become an expert in what is real!)
- 4) FYI: a few key elements you should become expert in that are missing in whole or in part from each of the erroneous end-times models...
- a. They are not Torah-centric (drawing patterns of prophecy from narratives in the Torah) like the story of Joseph!

- b. They do not take the Biblical Feast cycle and calendar into consideration as God's prophetic time-clock.
 - c. They ignore super-patterns in the Scriptures like the "journey and the destination" (captivity-wilderness-promised land), and birth to adulthood, infancy to maturity, sinner to saint.
 - d. For timeline predictors, they focus on external events in the world, rather than the Christlike transformation of God's people.
- b) Y'shua continues on with the deception topic with regards to **the end of the age**: Many people will be fooled by frauds who say they are the Messiah.
 - c) There will be many international conflicts, large scale and small, and many more threats of conflicts. This must happen, so don't be worried about them.
 - d) There will be food shortages, crop destruction, plagues, and earthquakes throughout the world.
 - e) These crises are just the beginning of the sad times.
 - 1) At the very end everything that can be shaken will be shaken!

2) “See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they **did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth** [Y’shua], much more **shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven** [the Father], whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “**Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.**” Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates **the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.**” Hebrews 12:25-27 NKJV

- f) Those who follow Y’shua will face great trials and persecution, and will even be handed over for execution.
- g) They will be hated all over the world because they identify with the name of Y’shua.
- h) Many so-called followers of Christ will be very insulted by how the world views Christianity and they will ultimately want no part of it.
- i) They too will turn on true Christians because, in reality, they detest all that the true faith represents and what it requires, and they despise all those

who hold to its fundamental, inflexible,
uncompromising principles.

- 1) Why? Because they were never real Christians—but cultural Christians.
 - 2) Cultural Christianity, other than erroneously containing “Christian” in its description, is not Christian at all! It encompasses all... people, movements, local and national churches, church brands and their charismatic leaders ... all who are part of the— false gospel-light, g-rated entertainment, tent-meeting-revival, feel-good, self-help, inspirational-speaker, prosperity-gospel, god-is-your-personal-genie-in-a-bottle, don’t talk about sin and repentance because you will make people feel bad and you will lose you members—church.
 - 3) This is NOT the Church. The Church is BY DEFINITION the BODY of CHRIST!
3. False prophets and pseudo-pastors without any true prophetic oversight have dominated the church for centuries and are easily fooled and they fool others easily.

4. The true love of God will be missing from fake-Christians and a lawless church.
 5. However, those who are evaluated at the end, who turn out to be authentic Christians, are the ones who are really saved.
- (b) Then we have our top cookie: *“And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the end** will come.”*

Matthew 24:14 NKJV

1. In order for **the end** to come, **the gospel of the kingdom** must be preached to the whole world to serve as the distinguishing testimony of the true, mature, and prepared Church.
 - a) This is the first part of the “double duty” in the prophetic commission in Matthew 24 (See: [Prophetic Reformation](#) by Stephen Duame)
2. But, in order to understand this duty we must be able to define what it is commissioning us to do.
 - a) What is the gospel of the kingdom?
 - b) What is the end?
 - c) Please see [Passover—Who are Legitimate Sons?](#)
3. What is the gospel of the kingdom?

- a) It is not the gospel of salvation—the gospel of born-again. *“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus **Christ and Him crucified.**”* I Corinthians 2:2 NKJV
- b) It is what comes after the gospel of salvation—the gospel of discipleship. *“But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages **for our glory,**”* I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV
- c) Is it the adult mystery solving gospel that follows the new-born gospel and it’s focus is on the kingdom of heaven!
- d) It’s the gospel of becoming like Christ!
- e) What is the Kingdom? The kingdom is the full manifestation of God in man—Y’shua had the kingdom within. *“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**”* (Matthew 4:17) The kingdom is supposed to manifest in you! *“...“The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**””* (Luke 17:20-21)
“...But we have the mind of Christ.” (I Corinthians

2:16) "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

(Colossians 1:27)

4. What is the end?

- a) It is not the second coming of Christ—when the Master returns—that comes later in this chapter as you will see.
- b) It's not the Rapture—that happens when the master returns.
- c) It is the end of childhood and the beginning of adulthood. It's when a child of God becomes an adult of God.
- d) In Judaism it's the bar Mitzvah, when the "son" becomes a "man."
- e) It requires a Passover because Passover is what identifies God's true Firstborn sons.
- f) Passover separates of true Firstborns from fake Firstborns and Firstborns from Non-firstborns? (See [Passover—Who are Legitimate Sons?](#))
- g) So, when the mature gospel of becoming like Christ is peached (by witness not just words) to the whole world, then the final passover can come!

(3) The Mature Gospel

(a) Him we preach... "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 1:27 NKJV

1. "Him **we preach**, **warning** every man and **teaching** every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect** in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:28 NKJV

a) We preach Christ in you—the born again experience (Evangelism: the Gospel of Salvation)

b) We preach the hope of glory—becoming like Christ (Discipleship: the Gospel of the Kingdom)

(b) The hope of glory...What about the hope of glory do we preach?

1. We warn every man... you cannot stay the same. You cannot say you are a Christian and live like a Gentile!

2. We teach every man... you must move past your born again experience and move on in discipleship, inching ever closer to the image of Christ!

a) *"But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* II

Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

3. To what end? That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus! We can't stop at redemption—we must move on to perfection.

a) *“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, **that we should be called children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, **now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that *when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,** for we shall see Him as He is. **And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”** | John 3:1-3 NKJV*

1) We all become children of God through Christ—instantly at our born again moment. *“as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become children of God,** to those who believe in His name:”* John 1:12 NKJV

4. But that is not the same as **“**we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him.**”*

a) *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** For the earnest*

*expectation of the creation **eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.***" Romans 8:18-19
NKJV

- 1) This revealing of the Sons is a future prophetic moment, a bar Mitzvah, at the final Passover, when the full glory of God is revealed in mankind.
- 2) Then the Kingdom of Heaven, the fullness of God will manifest in man!

D. The Great Tribulation

(1) Prophetic Discernment

- (a) If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

1. ""Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For

then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. **“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.** “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, **He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.** For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.” Matthew 24:15-28 NKJV

(2) Don't be fooled!

(a) See, I have told you beforehand!

1. Y'shua then rewinds and gives a summary of the end-of-the-age events.
2. First is a reference to the prophecy of Daniel that refers to the end and takeover of the Jewish temple service by pagan practices—an utter abomination.

3. If you know what Daniel 9 prophesied, you know to what I am referring, Y'shua says.

1. "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. **And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate**, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.""

Daniel 9:27 NKJV

4. During that time the people of Judea must flee to the mountains in a state of emergency.

a) It will be the greatest persecution of God's people in human history (past, present and future considered).

b) It will become known as the great tribulation.

1) The books of Daniel and Revelation will elaborate on this seven year period.

2) Prophetically, and as we will even be able to extrapolate from this chapter (Matthew 24), it corresponds to the second seven-year period of Joseph's ministry (the seven years of famine).

That is why you learned earlier that good

eschatology must be Torah-centric and follow the patterns in the Old Testament Narratives!

- c) If God does not supernaturally intervene in the events of that time, no one would survive, not even a single Christian, but He will for the sake of His church!
 - d) Leave your homes quickly; take nothing with you; and don't go back to retrieve anything you think you need.
 - e) If you are out working, do not go home first for a change of clothes.
 - f) It will obviously be even more difficult if you are pregnant or nursing babies when you have to escape so quickly.
 - g) It will also be more challenging to escape if the weather is cold, rainy, or snowy, or if the moment you must run is on the Sabbath—because it's clearly more difficult to do anything quickly when you are in full-rest mode.
5. In that time of panic and crises, it will be very tempting to look to anyone who can save you and, because of that, false christs and false prophets will

spring up everywhere looking to take advantage of those in full panic mode.

6. It will be tempting to follow them as they will be very convincing with their persuasive words and seemingly supernatural abilities.
7. Plus, others will be their advocates trying to convince you they are authentic. Don't buy in!
8. Seriously, they will seem so legit that even Christians will be tempted to believe they are the real deal.
9. That is why I am warning you ahead of time to be on the lookout.
10. Trust Me, when I return it will look very specific.
What do I mean by that?
11. I mean that there are very specific things that must have taken place before I will come back. If those things have not occurred yet, then there is no way I can return. So, no matter how convincing it looks, it can't be Me if what needs to happen first has not happened yet.
 - a) Hint: I'm telling you what some of those things are right here! Pay attention.

- b) For instance: I just said that the Gospel of the Kingdom must have been preached to the whole world as a witness before the end can come.
- 1) Has the Gospel of the Kingdom been universally defined?
 - 2) Has it gone to the whole world? (Clearly it could not have been if it is yet undefined by the the Church at large).
 - 3) Has the end come (the final Passover, the revealing of the sons of God) as prophesied in Matthew 24:14?
- c) One additional note from the final words of the Old Testament—something that corresponds to the final Passover and the revealing of the Sons of God—something that clearly **MUST OCCUR BEFORE** the return of Christ.
- 1) “Behold, ***I will send you Elijah the prophet Before*** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV

- d) These are just a few clues that will tell you if I can legally return just yet, plus there are more specifics coming in this very sermon. Pay attention so you are not one of those who gets fooled.
- e) And by the way, there will be so much bad doctrine around these events in the church over the next 2000 years, that it will get increasingly more difficult to sort out the the truth. That is why you must be discerning.

E. The Coming of the Son of Man

(1) Prophetic Timing

- (a) Immediately after, then you will see!

1. **“Immediately after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,** and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet,** and they will **gather together His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV

(2) Immediately after the great tribulation

(a) For all you pre-tribulation rapture fans, it's time to get off that ride!

1. Notice that it is only AFTER the great tribulation just described that I will return.

2. And this is what it will look like when that time comes.

a) It will be so dark as if there is no light at all, no sun, no moon, no stars.

b) It will be as if nature itself has failed.

c) Then I will break forth in the sky through that darkness, and my glory will light up the heavens.

d) At that moment, every human still alive who ever denied Me will instantly regret they did.

INSTANTLY!

e) Then, at the sound of the last trumpet (after the great tribulation) I will rapture my church from the whole world.

(b) The last trumpet refers to the Feast of Trumpets (the first day of the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar)

1. It is the only feast that begins on the first day of the Hebrew calendar month.

2. You must watch for the sighting of the new moon on the first day of the month in order to declare that the feast has arrived.
3. Thus, it's the only feast that no one knows the day or the hour until it happens, so you must be sober and watching.
4. We can know the times (time of the year) and seasons (feast seasons), but for this particular feast (which foreshadows Christ's return), we can't know the day or the hour)! But because we are in the light **we can be prepared!**
5. *"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then **sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman.** And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those*

who get drunk are drunk at night. **But let us who are of the day be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath**, [see Bowls of Wrath Revelation 16:1-21] but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” I

Thessalonians 5:1-11 NKJV

(c) The Last trumpet (the last Feast of Trumpets) corresponds to Revelation and the collection of God’s people before His wrath hits the earth!

1. “but in the days of **the sounding of the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.” Revelation 10:7
2. “**Then the seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, and He shall reign forever and ever!””

Revelation 11:15

3. *“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, **“Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”** So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, **and the earth was reaped.**”* Revelation 14:14-16 NKJV

4. The last trumpet (He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect) corresponds to: *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 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.**”* I Corinthians 15:50-52 NKJV (Read all of I Corinthians 15)

(d) God did not appoint us to wrath...

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.”**” Revelation 16:1 NKJV
 - a) See the seven bowls of wrath in Revelation 16:1-21 (The church is gone by this time because *“God did not appoint us to wrath”*)

F. The Parable of the Fig Tree

(1) Prophetic Order!

(a) This generation...

1. ““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. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV

(2) Just one generation....

- (a) Then we have our **Cream in the middle:** *“Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.**”* Matthew 24:34 NKJV

1. Y'shua assures us that the signs He just illuminated are as predictable as the ripening of figs as the summer nears.
2. He also reveals something critically important.
3. There will be only one generation between the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached to the whole world (v. 14) and the second coming of Lord and the rapture of the church (vv. 29-31) and further expanded upon with what we should be doing when the Lord returns in (vv. 45-51).
 - a) This prophetic gem corresponds to the SINGLE generation that lived in the wilderness (40 years) between the first Passover and Israel entering the promised land.
 - b) Even though the sins of the parents SHOULD HAVE extended to the third or fourth generation (as per Deuteronomy 5:9), supernaturally, only ONE GENERATION passed in the wilderness before they were able to enter the promised land.
 - c) This is what we see after the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached to the whole world in Matthew 24:13-14, and then the End comes

(which you now know is a Passover and the revealing of sons!).

- d) This is the generation that had to enter the promised land and then conquer it (possess it).
- e) Taking full possession of the promised land took fourteen years.
- f) Pay attention: Coming soon in this chapter are more details about what those fourteen years look like and what that generation should be doing?

G. No One Knows the Day or the Hour

(1) Prophetic Readiness

- (a) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1. **“But of that day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 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 all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding

at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.
Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 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. **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**" Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV

(2) When precisely is all this going to happen?

(a) Only the Father knows.

1. That is why you must be paying attention, like we just learned about as we soberly watched for the Last Feast of Trumpets.
1. See I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Above)
2. Also, Noah and the flood are a great reference point for My return.
3. Before the flood, the whole world was going about their daily lives like NOTHING was going to happen. Only Noah was preparing.
4. It was not until Noah got in the ark and the flood actually arrived and swept all the unsuspecting unprepared people to their deaths that anyone was even aware of what was about to happen.

5. No pagan cared; no pagan was ready! That is exactly what it will be like before My second coming.
6. Noah and his family had an ark prepared and they represent My chosen people—My people will be so prepared that even if I come when they do not expect—they will be ready. Everyone else will be left behind in the flood.
7. So, again, like Paul teaches in I Thessalonians 5:1-11:
 - a) Watch for the new moon (the Feast of Trumpets) because until it happens, no one knows exactly when it will happen.
 - b) *“But of that day and hour no one knows,”* and that is why you must be ready at all times.
 - c) Watch for the thief who comes in the night, and to you he will not be a thief at all...

H. Second Duty: Who is the Faithful and Wise Servant?

- (1) This is the second part of the “double duty” in the prophetic commission in Matthew 24 (See: [Prophetic Reformation](#) by Stephen Duame)
 - (a) Faithful and Wise or Evil?
 1. **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his**

master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that **evil servant** says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 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, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 24:45-51 NKJV

(2) We have our bottom cookie:

(a) *"**Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his master **made ruler** over his household, to give them food in due season?"* Matthew 24:45 NKJV

1. Y'shua now gives us the definitive explanation of what it looks like to be prepared.
2. Yes, Noah and his ark admonishes us with an overarching theme of preparation.
3. But now Y'shua will clue us in on specifics. How should His church prepare for such a time?

4. He does so in classic rabbinic style—by asking a question for which He will not give the answer. He expects us to search for it!
5. **Question:** “Who is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”
6. **Promise:** “Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”
7. **Hint:** “He will make him ruler over all his goods.”
8. **Warning:** “If he is not prepared when the master comes, and is not a good steward of his master’s estate, especially because he purposely chooses to put off preparation as he is convinced his master is nowhere close to returning, it will be very bad for him when the master returns.”
9. **Reminder:** the master is coming back on a day and hour no one knows exactly. That’s the whole point of being prepared!
10. **Clue:** the importance of being prepared at all times is what is coming in *The Parable of Wise and Foolish Virgins* in Matthew 25:1-13, and *The Parable of the Talents* is about faithful stewardship in Matthew 25:14-30.

11. Those who are unprepared reap that same consequences as what is promised for the **hypocrites** in Matthew 23.

a) “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you **neither go in yourselves**, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. ...**See! Your house is left to you desolate;**” Matthew 23:13, 38 NKJV

(3) Lets answer some questions

(a) “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made **ruler** over his household, to **give them food** in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will **make him ruler** over all his goods.” Matthew 24:45-46 NKJV

1. This is that provocative question Y’shua asked, but never answered, the one we highlighted earlier. He leaves the conclusion for you to discover.

2. Who is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master made **ruler** over his household, to **give the people food** in due season?

a) Answer: Joseph (see Genesis 41:37-44)

- b) He interpreted Pharaoh's dream...
- c) He recommended preparing during the **seven years of double portion**.
- d) And feeding the people during the **seven years of famine**. (Hint: This seven years prophetically corresponds to the "Great Tribulation!")
- e) Pharaoh then calls him the wise and discerning servant and makes him ruler over his household (all of Egypt).
- f) You **MUST** be found doing the same when your Master returns!

3. Those who are not faithful and wise...

- a) (Matthew 24:45-51) The evil servant does not know this entire sequence and thinks... 'My master is delaying his coming,' and he treats others horribly and acts as if he's got an eternity to get ready. It will not be good for him!

(4) **Prophetic Gold—Feed the people in the time of need?**

(a) Who?

- 1. Joseph is the wise and discerning servant...(Genesis 41:39)

(b) Why?

1. To persevere life and bring the world (voluntarily and happily) under the rule of Pharaoh (God)...(Genesis 45:5; 47:13-26)
 - a) "God sent me before you to preserve life."
(Genesis 45:5)
 - b) "What you meant for evil, God meant it for good to save many lives." (Genesis 50:20)
- (c) How? **The old way...**
 1. "No bread, severe famine." (Genesis 47:13)
 2. "Joseph gathered up all the money into Pharaoh's house." (Genesis 47:14)
 3. "When the money failed Joseph gathered the livestock." (Genesis 47:15-17)
 4. "When the livestock failed, Joseph gathered the people and the land?" (Genesis 47:18-19)
 5. "Joseph said, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh." (Genesis 47:23) (Hint: the people are redeemed by a savior for God)
 6. **And the people were happy to have given their lives to be saved...**"You have saved our lives; we will be Pharaoh's servants." Genesis 47:25 (Can you see it now? You saved us now we will serve God!)
- (d) How? **The NEW way!** (See [All That Will Be Already Is!](#))

1. “**Every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**”” (Matthew 13:52)
 2. “Now **the Passover**, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “**Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**” **But this He said to test him,** for He Himself knew what He would do.” John 6:4-6 NKJV
 - a) Multiplication of the fish and loaves — **Feeding the people in the wilderness:** Bread in a desolate place— (Bread to feed 5000—all four Gospels) BUT IN JOHN...it says it’s a TEST!
- (5) What happens when things new and things old collide?
- (a) “*And I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and **whatever you bind** on **earth** will be bound in **heaven,** and **whatever you loose** on **earth** will be loosed in **heaven.**”” Matthew 16:19*
1. They make one new story and they reveal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven!
 2. You suddenly realize that all the bread you need is **ALREADY THERE!**
- (6) Why? How? Let’s walk through it!

(a) At Creation things were finished!

1. “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished**. And on the seventh day **God ended His work** which He had done, and **He rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day** and sanctified it, **because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**” Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV

2. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made** that was made.” John 1:1-3 NKJV

a) After God completed creation (through Christ)...it was finished.

b) It is now a closed system! Nothing new will be created, but things can change!

(b) The law of conservation of mass...

1. The law of conservation of mass or principle of mass conservation states that for any **system closed to all transfers of matter and energy**, the mass of the system **must remain constant over time**, as the

system's mass cannot change, so the quantity can neither be added nor be removed. The law implies that mass (and energy) can neither be created nor destroyed, although it **may be rearranged in space**, or the entities associated with it may be changed in form.

- a) Everything that will be made was made at creation.
- b) After Creation it became a closed system.... matter will neither be created nor destroyed only changed.
 - 1) Mystery: how does that change take place?
 - 2) One: a process that can be explained by observable physical laws!
 - 3) Two: a process that takes place outside of what can be explained by observable physical laws!
- c) Your job is to uncover the Kingdom Mystery!
 - 1) *“**Every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**”*
(Matthew 13:52)
- d) When you take the New and add the Old, you get the right answer! If you simply repeat the old you

can only produce the results of the old, NOT
GREATER THINGS!

- 1) *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”* (John 14:12)

I. Let's blend the NEW and the OLD one more time

(1) This changes everything!

(a) This is the OLD Way!

1. “And let them **gather all the food of those good years** that are coming, and **store up grain** under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be **as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine** which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”” Genesis 41:35-36 NKJV

- a) How do you feed hungry people at the time of famine (read Genesis 37-50)
- b) You grow wheat in abundance during fertile years and you store the excess intelligently. (***faithful and wise servant***)
- c) You distribute it to the people when the famine comes! (***give them food in due season***)

d) This is critical because of the question Y'shua asked and to what He is referring about what WE SHOULD BE DOING at the end...“***Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant*** whom his master, when he comes, ***will find so doing.*** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ***ruler over*** all his goods.” Matthew 24:45-47 NKJV

- 1) We now know Jesus is using the narrative of Joseph as His reference point.
- 2) He was the faithful and wise servant, who helped Pharaoh store up grain during the time of abundance to feed the people during the time of famine.
- 3) Joseph was made ruler over Pharaoh's house.
- 4) The answer to His question...“*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household?*” is Joseph.
- 5) We are called to be like Joseph at the end of the age. And that is why His disciples had some Joseph-like training on the subject matter of (feeding people in times of hunger).

6) How did they do?

7) How will you do when the time comes?

(2) This is a TEST

1. **An important clarification in John:** "...He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" **But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.**" John 6:4-6 NKJV

a) We learn in the prophetic Gospel of John that this is a Joseph-like test.

1) *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant who will give them food in due season?"*

b) We also see that Y'shua is certain they will fail the test!

1) *"He Himself knew what He would do."*

c) It's a deserted place like the wilderness where bread must come from heaven (Exodus 16).

1) It's a place of famine; they have no food and it's time to eat (due season).

2) What should they do?

(3) What should you do?

(a) Let's use what has been revealed to us by "knowing the mysteries of the kingdom."

1. The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind into flour, bake bread, feed the people!
 2. The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!
 3. The New...bypass the growing process and extract all the ingredients from “heaven” and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!
 4. It is the reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this.
 5. All things that will ever be already are. Bread already is contained in every element of the air and soil that eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!
- (4) So when Y'shua says to you one day, *“Simon, son of Jonah, if you love Me, feed My people, you won't ask... “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?””* (John 21:15-19; 6:1-14)
- (a) You won't think about... planting seed, growing wheat, harvesting grain, grinding it into flour, and baking bread to feed the people!

- (b) WHY? “Because *it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...*” Matthew 13:11
- (c) AND... “...*every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.*” Matthew 13:52
- (d) AND... Because you have been given “*the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*” Matthew 16:19
- (5) HOW? **(Matthew 24:45-47)**
- (a) Put the key in the lock and bypass the growing season!
- (b) You will simply extract all the ingredients from “heaven” and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!
1. “*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? YOU!*”
 2. “*Who is the Blessed servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing? YOU!*”
 3. *To whom will He say, “I will make him ruler over all MY goods?” YOU!*

READY AND USEFUL

2. Matthew 25: What it Looks Like when Y'shua Returns

A. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

(1) Be Prepared to Receive

(a) Ready or Not?

1. ""Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready** went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord,

Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ **“Watch
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour
in which the Son of Man is coming.”** Matthew
25:1-13 NKJV

(2) Prophetic Preparation

(a) The Preparation and Readiness Side of the Kingdom!

1. The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to...a bride waiting for her bridegroom.
2. But think of ten examples: half are really ready and half are not ready at all.
3. We will call the prepared brides wise and the unprepared brides fools.
4. The wise brides are prepared in the same way one is prepared in the dark with enough oil for their oil lamps, which is especially important if you are suddenly in need of light at midnight.
5. How horrible would it be if the bridegroom came at night and as his bride you were incapable of meeting him because you were stuck in the dark with no oil.
6. And even worse is if you were the one stuck with no oil and had to beg those who were prepared to share, only to be denied.

7. And then while you rush out at the last minute to get prepared, the bridegroom comes and you miss him, and miss the wedding.
 - a) This is another way of describing what it looks like to miss the wedding as we saw in *The Parable of the Wedding Feast* in (Matthew 22:1-14).
 - b) See [Mic Drop](#)
8. You simply don't know exactly when he is coming, so be prepared at all times.
 - a) You see how this reiterates that no one knows the day or the hour! (Matthew 24:36-44)

B. The Parable of the Talents

(1) Be Prepared to Multiply

(a) Well done or wicked and lazy?

1. ""For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 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. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one

went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord's money. After a long time the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your Lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your Lord.' "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his Lord answered and said to him, '**You wicked and lazy servant,** you knew that I reap where I have not sown,

and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. **'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.** And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV

(2) Prophetic Stewardship

(a) What will you do with what you've been assigned to do?

1. The next preparation message uses a kingdom assignment allegory as opposed to the wedding theme.
2. The master is about to go away for a while and he calls in three of his servants to leave them with their individual assignments.
3. Each is given something different, specific to their role in the master's household, then he leaves.

4. Two of the servants take what they are given and are quite inventive and industrious.
5. They take their role as stewards of their master's goods quite seriously and add to what their master gave them!
6. The other servant operates out of fear and really does nothing with what he was tasked. He is afraid to make a mistake and possibly ruin even what he was handed, so he protects what he was given, adds nothing of value, keeps it exactly the same—plays it safe.
7. After an extended time away, the master returns and the first thing he wants to do is see his servants were faithful with their assignments.
8. **Prophetic Stewardship Timeout:** take your role as stewards of their master's goods quite seriously and add to what your master gave you! Notice: the precise language from Matthew 24.
 - a) *“Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make*

him **ruler over all his goods.**" Matthew 24:45-47
NKJV

b) Faithful Stewardship is a critical concept in your developing understanding of the Kingdom, especially the mysteries of the Kingdom. And if you apply your "Kingdom Scribe Skills" you will see how valuable it is to connect this *Parable of the Talents* with the *Parable of the Sower* in Matthew 13:1-23. And of course, it emphasizes just how important it is to be faithful with what you have been assigned. In the context of the Olivet Discourse, and the "Double Duty Commission" to preach (and witness) the Gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world and to be the faithful and wise servant (steward) when the master returns, *The Parable of the Talents* brings it all together.

9. **Prophetic Stewardship Scriptures:** The talents **ARE THE MYSTERIES** faithful servants were left to multiply (know, uncover, reveal)! And if they are found faithful... ***[Reward]** *Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. (Matthew 24:46)*

- a) **[Parable of the Sower]** “He answered and said to them, “**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given. ***[Reward] For whoever has, to him more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”
Matthew 13:11-12 NKJV

10. Mystery Solving is required NOT optional!

- a) “Let a man so consider us, **as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God**. Moreover it is **required in stewards that one be found faithful**.” I Corinthians 4:1-2 NKJV
- b) “of which I [Paul] became a minister **according to the stewardship** from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **the mystery** which has been **hidden** from ages and from generations, but **now has been revealed** to His saints.” Colossians 1:25-26 NKJV
- c) See [All That Will Be Already Is!](#) (To learn more about uncovering God’s mysteries)
- d) See [In Him In You PART IV](#) (to learn more about faithfully stewarding God’s mysteries)

11. **Back to the Parable of the Talents:** The two who added more to what was given are reward handsomely. (The very outcome for the faithful servants who answer the prophetic question posed in Matthew 24 correctly! *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant...?”*)

- a) ***[Reward]** Well done, **good and faithful servant;** you were faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ (Matthew 25:21)

12. The fearful servant who did nothing with his assignment is met with the opposite reaction.

13. We learn two key things about the kingdom economy from this fearful servant.

- a) **First:** in the kingdom, you can reap where you have not sown—it’s an upside down kingdom.
- b) **Second:** we learn that these servants knew that there was an assignment (beyond what is written) and that they must have known what that assignment was in advance, because after the master goes away, he has no communication with them while he is gone—and yet he still expected specific results.

14. The fearful servant attempts to hand back to his Lord only what was given to him by His Lord, and the Lord will have no part of it! He has uncovered ZERO mysteries! What does the Lord think about that?
15. The Lord calls him a “wicked and lazy servant,” affirms that yes indeed there is a time to reap where you have not sown, and that he should have done at least something minimal, with little risk, to give his Lord even a tiny bit more than he was left with.
16. In the end we see that this wicked servant loses everything and those who multiplied their masters goods are given even more because of their faithfulness.
17. The wicked servant is removed from the masters workforce!

C. The Son of man Will Judge the Nations

(1) Be Prepared or Be Judged

(a) Blessed or Cursed?

1. ““When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 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. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, **'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:** for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, **'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'** "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, **'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:** for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you

did not visit Me.’ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘**Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.**’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:31-46 NKJV

(2) Prophetic Option

(a) Final Words!

1. Then, in the final words of His second to last sermon before His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, Y’shua gives us a little glimpse of what the judgment will look like AFTER He returns.
 - a) Note: His last sermon is at the Passover preparation meal at the last supper table in the upper room (John 13-17).
2. He will sit on the throne of His glory.
3. All the nations will be gathered before Him.
4. He will separate the sheep from the goats.
5. The sheep are on His right, goats on the left.

6. To those on His right (sheep): *“Come, you are blessed; inherit the kingdom!”*
 - a) Note to self: the fruit of your true beliefs show up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your lifetime as if you were treating Me that way. And you did great!
7. To those on the left (goats): *“Depart from Me, you are cursed, inherit everlasting fire with the devil!”*
 - a) Note to self: the fruit of your true beliefs show up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your life as if you were treating Me that way. And you did horrible!
 - b) It all makes sense now... *“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**’”* Matthew 7:23 NKJV

Summary: ABLE & WISE

1. Matthew 24: Final Preparations for Y’shua’s Return

A. Prophetic Framework

- (1) A Commission: the authority to perform a task or certain duties.
 - (a) Everyone is familiar with what we call in Christianity the “Great Commission” in Matthew 28.

- 1) If you look closely, it really has two parts; baptize them, then teach them! We might think of it as one commission with a double duty. We will soon be there in our studies.
- (b) But hardly anyone is familiar with the “Prophetic Commission” that came beforehand in Matthew 24. This mandate also has two parts, with just a single generation sandwiched in between (like an Oreo Cookie). In the prophetic world that is a very short period of time. Again, we might think of it as one commission with a double duty. The prophetic fulfillment of this commission will actually come after the commission in Matthew 28. The “Great Commission” is preparation for this “Prophetic Commission.”
- (c) More on this later in this study!

B. The Destruction of the Temple

- (1) Prophetic Vision
 - (a) Do you not see all these things?
- (2) Y’shua leaves the Temple
 - (a) After all His teachings over the last two days...
 1. Y’shua leaves the temple with His disciples, goes up onto the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley to

the east of the city, and then looks back towards the city and the buildings.

2. He draws their attention to the temple in the distance.
3. He tells them that the whole thing is coming down. Every stone will be dismantled.
 - a) That literally does happen in 70 AD as the Romans reclaim Jerusalem and burn down the second temple. The western wall was all that remained.
 - b) In the moment, Y'shua was hinting at what was needed—a reset of religious institutions that had become so corrupt.
 - c) Also you should know, in John (the prophetic gospel writer), Y'shua made inference to the destruction of the temple when He was cleansing the temple. *But of course, He was speaking of the temple of His body. And we are that temple!*

C. First Duty: Preach the gospel of the kingdom...

- (1) Prophetic Capacity
 - (a) Preach the gospel of the kingdom (by being a witness) to the whole world!
- (2) When will these things be?
 - (a) What signs should we look for?

1. The disciples want to know what indicators they should be aware of that Y'shua will return and when all this temple destruction will take place.
2. Y'shua gives them an overview of the end-of-the-age.
 - a) First, be careful that no one deceives you about the end of the age.
 - 1) Bad eschatology: Church doctrine is loaded with various positions about "end times."
 - 2) Many of them use the "rapture" of the church, God's people getting "caught up" into the air and whisked out of tribulation as the inflection point. I'll name a few, but this study is not to dive into any of these to either prove or debunk them.
 - a. Pre-tribulation rapture
 - b. Mid-tribulation rapture
 - c. Post-tribulation rapture
 - d. Pre-wrath rapture
 - e. a-millennial (no literal millennial kingdom)
 - f. No Rapture
 - 3) I will just say that errors abound in all of these "theories" because they fail to take certain key elements into consideration when building their

model. I will also add that when you become an expert at what is authentic, the counterfeits are easy to spot. In other words, you need not become an expert on each counterfeit if you are an expert in what is true! (Note: that is how bankers are taught to spot counterfeit money—become an expert in what is real!)

- 4) FYI: a few key elements you should become expert in that are missing in whole or in part from each of the erroneous end-times models...
 - a. They are not Torah-centric (drawing patterns of prophecy from narratives in the Torah) like the story of Joseph!
 - b. They do not take the Biblical Feast cycle and calendar into consideration as God's prophetic time-clock.
 - c. They ignore super-patterns in the Scriptures like the "journey and the destination" (captivity-wilderness-promised land), and birth to adulthood, infancy to maturity, sinner to saint.

- d. For timeline predictors, they focus on external events in the world, rather than the Christlike transformation of God's people.
- b) Y'shua continues on with the deception topic with regards to **the end of the age**: Many people will be fooled by frauds who say they are the Messiah.
- c) There will be many international conflicts, large scale and small, and many more threats of conflicts. This must happen, so don't be worried about them.
- d) There will be food shortages, crop destruction, plagues, and earthquakes throughout the world.
- e) These crises are just the beginning of the sad times.
 - 1) At the very end everything that can be shaken will be shaken!
- f) Those who follow Y'shua will face great trials and persecution, and will even be handed over for execution.
- g) They will be hated all over the world because they identify with the name of Y'shua.
- h) Many so-called followers of Christ will be very insulted by how the world views Christianity and they will ultimately want no part of it.

- i) They too will turn on true Christians because, in reality, they detest all that the true faith represents and what it requires, and they despise all those who hold to its fundamental, inflexible, uncompromising principles.
 - 1) Why? Because they were never real Christians—but cultural Christians.
 - 2) Cultural Christianity, other than erroneously containing “Christian” in its description, is not Christian at all! It encompasses all... people, movements, local and national churches, church brands and their charismatic leaders ... all who are part of the— false gospel-light, g-rated entertainment, tent-meeting-revival, feel-good, self-help, inspirational-speaker, prosperity-gospel, god-is-your-personal-genie-in-a-bottle, don’t talk about sin and repentance because you will make people feel bad and you will lose you members—church.
 - 3) This is NOT the Church. The Church is BY DEFINITION the BODY of CHRIST!
- 3. False prophets and pseudo-pastors without any true prophetic oversight have dominated the church for

centuries and are easily fooled and they fool others easily.

4. The true love of God will be missing from fake-Christians and a lawless church.
5. However, those who are evaluated at the end, who turn out to be authentic Christians, are the ones who are really saved.

(b) Then we have our top cookie:

1. In order for **the end** to come, **the gospel of the kingdom** must be preached to the whole world to serve as the distinguishing testimony of the true, mature, and prepared Church.
 - a) This is the first part of the “double duty” in the prophetic commission in Matthew 24 (See: [Prophetic Reformation](#) by Stephen Duame)
2. But, in order to understand this duty we must be able to define what it is commissioning us to do.
 - a) What is the gospel of the kingdom?
 - b) What is the end?
 - c) Please see [Passover—Who are Legitimate Sons?](#)
3. What is the gospel of the kingdom?
 - a) It is not the gospel of salvation—the gospel of born-again.

- b) It is what comes after the gospel of salvation—the gospel of discipleship.
 - c) Is it the adult mystery solving gospel that follows the new-born gospel and it's focus is on the kingdom of heaven!
 - d) It's the gospel of becoming like Christ!
 - e) What is the Kingdom? The kingdom is the full manifestation of God in man—Y'shua had the kingdom within.
4. What is the end?
- a) It is not the second coming of Christ—when the Master returns—that comes later in this chapter as you will see.
 - b) It's not the Rapture—that happens when the master returns.
 - c) It is the end of childhood and the beginning of adulthood. It's when a child of God becomes an adult of God.
 - d) In Judaism it's the bar Mitzvah, when the "son" becomes a "man."
 - e) It requires a Passover because Passover is what identifies God's true Firstborn sons.

- f) Passover separates of true Firstborns from fake Firstborns and Firstborns from Non-firstborns? (See [Passover—Who are Legitimate Sons?](#))
- g) So, when the mature gospel of becoming like Christ is peached (by witness not just words) to the whole world, then the final passover can come!

(3) The Mature Gospel

- (a) Him we preach... "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."
 - 1. We preach Christ in you—the born again experience (Evangelism: the Gospel of Salvation)
 - 2. We preach the hope of glory—becoming like Christ (Discipleship: the Gospel of the Kingdom)
- (b) The hope of glory...What about the hope of glory do we preach?
 - 1. We warn every man... you cannot stay the same. You cannot say you are a Christian and live like a Gentile!
 - 2. We teach every man... you must move past your born again experience and move on in discipleship, inching ever closer to the image of Christ!
 - 3. To what end? That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus! We can't stop at redemption—we must move on to perfection.

4. But that is not the same as ****“we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him.”***

- a) This revealing of the Sons is a future prophetic moment, a bar Mitzvah, at the final Passover, when the full glory of God is revealed in mankind.
- b) Then the Kingdom of Heaven, the fullness of God will manifest in man!

D. The Great Tribulation

(1) Prophetic Discernment

- (a) If anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it.

(2) Don’t be fooled!

- (a) See, I have told you beforehand!

- 1. Y’shua then rewinds and gives a summary of the end-of-the-age events.
- 2. First is a reference to the prophecy of Daniel that refers to the end and takeover of the Jewish temple service by pagan practices—an utter abomination.
- 3. If you know what Daniel 9 prophesied, you know to what I am referring, Y’shua says.
- 4. During that time the people of Judea must flee to the mountains in a state of emergency.

- a) It will be the greatest persecution of God's people in human history (past, present and future considered).
- b) It will become known as the great tribulation.
 - 1) The books of Daniel and Revelation will elaborate on this seven year period.
 - 2) Prophetically, and as we will even be able to extrapolate from this chapter (Matthew 24), it corresponds to the second seven-year period of Joseph's ministry (the seven years of famine). That is why you learned earlier that good eschatology must be Torah-centric and follow the patterns in the Old Testament Narratives!
- c) If God does not supernaturally intervene in the events of that time, no one would survive, not even a single Christian, but He will for the sake of His church!
- d) Leave your homes quickly; take nothing with you; and don't go back to retrieve anything you think you need.
- e) If you are out working, do not go home first for a change of clothes.

- f) It will obviously be even more difficult if you are pregnant or nursing babies when you have to escape so quickly.
 - g) It will also be more challenging to escape if the weather is cold, rainy, or snowy, or if the moment you must run is on the Sabbath—because it's clearly more difficult to do anything quickly when you are in full-rest mode.
5. In that time of panic and crises, it will be very tempting to look to anyone who can save you and, because of that, false christs and false prophets will spring up everywhere looking to take advantage of those in full panic mode.
 6. It will be tempting to follow them as they will be very convincing with their persuasive words and seemingly supernatural abilities.
 7. Plus, others will be their advocates trying to convince you they are authentic. Don't buy in!
 8. Seriously, they will seem so legit that even Christians will be tempted to believe they are the real deal.
 9. That is why I am warning you ahead of time to be on the lookout.

10. Trust Me, when I return it will look very specific.

What do I mean by that?

11. I mean that there are very specific things that must have taken place before I will come back. If those things have not occurred yet, then there is no way I can return. So, no matter how convincing it looks, it can't be Me if what needs to happen first has not happened yet.

a) Hint: I'm telling you what some of those things are right here! Pay attention.

b) For instance: I just said that the Gospel of the Kingdom must have been preached to the whole world as a witness before the end can come.

1) Has the Gospel of the Kingdom been universally defined?

2) Has it gone to the whole world? (Clearly it could not have been if it is yet undefined by the the Church at large).

3) Has the end come (the final Passover, the revealing of the sons of God) as prophesied in Matthew 24:14?

c) One additional note from the final words of the Old Testament—something that corresponds to the

final Passover and the revealing of the Sons of God —something that clearly MUST OCCUR BEFORE the return of Christ.

- d) These are just a few clues that will tell you if I can legally return just yet, plus there are more specifics coming in this very sermon. Pay attention so you are not one of those who gets fooled.
- e) And by the way, there will be so much bad doctrine around these events in the church over the next 2000 years, that it will get increasingly more difficult to sort out the the truth. That is why you must be discerning.

E. The Coming of the Son of Man

(1) Prophetic Timing

- (a) Immediately after, then you will see!

(2) Immediately **after** the great tribulation

- (a) For all you pre-tribulation rapture fans, it's time to get off that ride!
 - 1. Notice that it is only AFTER the great tribulation just described that I will return.
 - 2. And this is what it will look like when that time comes.

- a) It will be so dark as if there is no light at all, no sun, no moon, no stars.
- b) It will be as if nature itself has failed.
- c) Then I will break forth in the sky through that darkness, and my glory will light up the heavens.
- d) At that moment, every human still alive who ever denied Me will instantly regret they did.

INSTANTLY!

- e) Then, at the sound of the last trumpet (after the great tribulation) I will rapture my church from the whole world.

(b) The last trumpet refers to the Feast of Trumpets (the first day of the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar)

- 1. It is the only feast that begins on the first day of the Hebrew calendar month.
- 2. You must watch for the sighting of the new moon on the first day of the month in order to declare that the feast has arrived.
- 3. Thus, it's the only feast that no one knows the day or the hour until it happens, so you must be sober and watching.
- 4. We can know the times (time of the year) and seasons (feast seasons), but for this particular feast (which

foreshadows Christ's return), we can't know the day or the hour)! But because we are in the light **we can be prepared!**

(c) The Last trumpet (the last Feast of Trumpets) corresponds to Revelation and the collection of God's people before His wrath hits the earth!

(d) God did not appoint us to wrath...

1. See the seven bowls of wrath in Revelation 16:1-21
(The church is gone by this time because "*God did not appoint us to wrath*")

F. The Parable of the Fig Tree

(1) Prophetic Order!

(a) This generation...

(2) Just one generation....

(a) Then we have our **Cream in the middle:**

1. Y'shua assures us that the signs He just illuminated are as predictable as the ripening of figs as the summer nears.
2. He also reveals something critically important.
3. There will be only one generation between the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached to the whole world (v. 14) and the second coming of Lord and the rapture of the church (vv. 29-31) and further

expanded upon with what we should be doing when the Lord returns in (vv. 45-51).

- a) This prophetic gem corresponds to the SINGLE generation that lived in the wilderness (40 years) between the first Passover and Israel entering the promised land.
- b) Even though the sins of the parents SHOULD HAVE extended to the third or fourth generation (as per Deuteronomy 5:9), supernaturally, only ONE GENERATION passed in the wilderness before they were able to enter the promised land.
- c) This is what we see after the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached to the whole world in Matthew 24:13-14, and then the End comes (which you now know is a Passover and the revealing of sons!).
- d) This is the generation that had to enter the promised land and then conquer it (possess it).
- e) Taking full possession of the promised land took fourteen years.
- f) Pay attention: Coming soon in this chapter are more details about what those fourteen years look like and what that generation should be doing?

G. No One Knows the Day or the Hour

(1) Prophetic Readiness

- (a) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

(2) When precisely is all this going to happen?

- (a) Only the Father knows.

1. That is why you must be paying attention, like we just learned about as we soberly watched for the Last Feast of Trumpets.
2. Also, Noah and the flood are a great reference point for My return.
3. Before the flood, the whole world was going about their daily lives like NOTHING was going to happen. Only Noah was preparing.
4. It was not until Noah got in the ark and the flood actually arrived and swept all the unsuspecting unprepared people to their deaths that anyone was even aware of what was about to happen.
5. No pagan cared; no pagan was ready! That is exactly what it will be like before My second coming.
6. Noah and his family had an ark prepared and they represent My chosen people—My people will be so prepared that even if I come when they do not expect

—they will be ready. Everyone else will be left behind in the flood.

7. So, again, like Paul teaches in I Thessalonians 5:1-11:

- a) Watch for the new moon (the Feast of Trumpets) because until it happens, no one knows exactly when it will happen.
- b) *“But of that day and hour no one knows,”* and that is why you must be ready at all times.
- c) Watch for the thief who comes in the night, and to you he will not be a thief at all...

H. Second Duty: Who is the Faithful and Wise Servant?

- (1) This is the second part of the “double duty” in the prophetic commission in Matthew 24 (See: [Prophetic Reformation](#) by Stephen Duame)
 - (a) Faithful and Wise or Evil?
- (2) We have our bottom cookie:
 - (a) Y’shua now gives us the definitive explanation of what it looks like to be prepared.
 - (b) Yes, Noah and his ark admonishes us with an overarching theme of preparation.
 - (c) But now Y’shua will clue us in on specifics. How should His church prepare for such a time?

- (d) He does so in classic rabbinic style—by asking a question for which He will not give the answer. He expects us to search for it!
- (e) **Question:** “Who is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”
- (f) **Promise:** “Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”
- (g) **Hint:** “He will make him ruler over all his goods.”
- (h) **Warning:** “If he is not prepared when the master comes, and is not a good steward of his master’s estate, especially because he purposely chooses to put off preparation as he is convinced his master is nowhere close to returning, it will be very bad for him when the master returns.”
- (i) **Reminder:** the master is coming back on a day and hour no one knows exactly. That’s the whole point of being prepared!
- (j) **Clue:** the importance of being prepared at all times is what is coming in *The Parable of Wise and Foolish Virgins* in Matthew 25:1-13, and *The Parable of the Talents* is about faithful stewardship in Matthew 25:14-30.

1. Those who are unprepared reap that same consequences as what is promised for the **hypocrites** in Matthew 23.

(3) Lets answer some questions

(a) “Who then is a faithful and wise servant...?”

1. This is that provocative question Y’shua asked, but never answered, the one we highlighted earlier. He leaves the conclusion for you to discover.
2. Who is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master made **ruler** over his household, to **give the people food** in due season?

a) Answer: Joseph (see Genesis 41:37-44)

b) He interpreted Pharaoh’s dream...

c) He recommended preparing during the **seven years of double portion**.

d) And feeding the people during the **seven years of famine**. (Hint: This seven years prophetically corresponds to the “Great Tribulation!”)

e) Pharaoh then calls him the wise and discerning servant and makes him ruler over his household (all of Egypt).

f) You **MUST** be found doing the same when your Master returns!

3. Those who are not faithful and wise...

- a) (Matthew 24:45-51) The evil servant does not know this entire sequence and thinks... 'My master is delaying his coming,' and he treats others horribly and acts as if he's got an eternity to get ready. It will not be good for him!

(4) **Prophetic Gold—Feed the people in the time of need?**

(a) Who?

- 1. Joseph is the wise and discerning servant...(Genesis 41:39)

(b) Why?

- 1. To persevere life and bring the world (voluntarily and happily) under the rule of Pharaoh (God)...(Genesis 45:5; 47:13-26)
 - a) "God sent me before you to preserve life."
(Genesis 45:5)
 - b) "What you meant for evil, God meant it for good to save many lives." (Genesis 50:20)

(c) How? **The old way...**

- 1. "No bread, severe famine." (Genesis 47:13)
- 2. "Joseph gathered up all the money into Pharaoh's house." (Genesis 47:14)

3. “When the money failed Joseph gathered the livestock.” (Genesis 47:15-17)
 4. “When the livestock failed, Joseph gathered the people and the land?” (Genesis 47:18-19)
 5. “Joseph said, “Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh.” (Genesis 47:23) (Hint: the people are redeemed by a savior for God)
 6. **And the people were happy to have given their lives to be saved...** “You have saved our lives; we will be Pharaoh’s servants.” (Genesis 47:25) (Can you see it now? You saved us now we will serve God!)
- (d) How? **The NEW way!** (See [All That Will Be Already Is!](#))
1. Multiplication of the fish and loaves — **Feeding the people in the wilderness:** Bread in a desolate place— (Bread to feed 5000—all four Gospels) BUT IN JOHN...it says it’s a TEST!
- (5) What happens when things new and things old collide?
- (a) They make one new story and they reveal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven!
 - (b) You suddenly realize that all the bread you need is **ALREADY THERE!**
- (6) Why? How? Let’s walk through it!
- (a) At Creation things were finished!

1. After God completed creation (through Christ)...it was finished.
 2. It is now a closed system! Nothing new will be created, but things can change!
- (b) The law of conservation of mass...
1. The law of conservation of mass or principle of mass conservation states that for any **system closed to all transfers of matter and energy**, the mass of the system **must remain constant over time**, as the system's mass cannot change, so the quantity can neither be added nor be removed. The law implies that mass (and energy) can neither be created nor destroyed, although it **may be rearranged in space**, or the entities associated with it may be changed in form.
- a) Everything that will be made was made at creation.
 - b) After Creation it became a closed system.... matter will neither be created nor destroyed only changed.
 - 1) Mystery: how does that change take place?
 - 2) One: a process that can be explained by observable physical laws!

- 3) Two: a process that takes place outside of what can be explained by observable physical laws!
- c) Your job is to uncover the Kingdom Mystery!
- d) When you take the New and add the Old, you get the right answer! If you simply repeat the old you can only produce the results of the old, NOT GREATER THINGS!

I. Let's blend the NEW and the OLD one more time

- (1) This changes everything!
 - (a) This is the OLD Way!
 - 1. ...gather all the food of those good years; store up grain as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine
 - a) How do you feed hungry people at the time of famine (read Genesis 37-50)
 - b) You grow wheat in abundance during fertile years and you store the excess intelligently. (***faithful and wise servant***)
 - c) You distribute it to the people when the famine comes! (***give them food in due season***)
 - d) This is critical because of the question Y'shua asked and to what He is referring about what WE SHOULD BE DOING at the end...

- 1) We now know Jesus is using the narrative of Joseph as His reference point.
- 2) He was the faithful and wise servant, who helped Pharaoh store up grain during the time of abundance to feed the people during the time of famine.
- 3) Joseph was made ruler over Pharaoh's house.
- 4) The answer to His question...*"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household?"* is Joseph.
- 5) We are called to be like Joseph at the end of the age. And that is why His disciples had some Joseph-like training on the subject matter of (feeding people in times of hunger).
- 6) How did they do?
- 7) How will you do when the time comes?

(2) This is a TEST

1. **An important clarification in John**

- a) We learn in the prophetic Gospel of John that this is a Joseph-like test.
 - 1) *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant who will give them food in due season?"*

b) We also see that Y'shua is certain they will fail the test!

1) *"He Himself knew what He would do."*

c) It's a deserted place like the wilderness where bread must come from heaven (Exodus 16).

1) It's a place of famine; they have no food and it's time to eat (due season).

2) What should they do?

(3) What should you do?

(a) Let's use what has been revealed to us by "knowing the mysteries of the kingdom."

1. The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind into flour, bake bread, feed the people!
2. The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!
3. The New...bypass the growing process and extract all the ingredients from "heaven" and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!
4. It is the reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this.
5. All things that will ever be already are. Bread already is contained in every element of the air and soil that

eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!

(4) So when Y'shua says to you one day, *"Simon, son of Jonah, if you love Me, feed My people, you won't ask... "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"*"

(a) You won't think about... planting seed, growing wheat, harvesting grain, grinding it into flour, and baking bread to feed the people!

(5) HOW? (**Matthew 24:45-47**)

(a) Put the key in the lock and bypass the growing season!

(b) You will simply extract all the ingredients from "heaven" and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!

1. ***"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? YOU!"***

2. *"Who is the Blessed servant whom his master, when he comes, **will find so doing? YOU!**"*

3. *To whom will He say, "I will make him **ruler over all MY goods?**" **YOU!***

Summary: READY AND USEFUL

2. Matthew 25: What it Looks Like when Y'shua Returns

A. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

(1) Be Prepared to Receive

(a) Ready or Not?

(2) Prophetic Preparation

(a) The Preparation and Readiness Side of the Kingdom!

1. The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to...a bride waiting for her bridegroom.
2. But think of ten examples: half are really ready and half are not ready at all.
3. We will call the prepared brides wise and the unprepared brides fools.
4. The wise brides are prepared in the same way one is prepared in the dark with enough oil for their oil lamps, which is especially important if you are suddenly in need of light at midnight.
5. How horrible would it be if the bridegroom came at night and as his bride you were incapable of meeting him because you were stuck in the dark with no oil.
6. And even worse is if you were the one stuck with no oil and had to beg those who were prepared to share, only to be denied.

7. And then while you rush out at the last minute to get prepared, the bridegroom comes and you miss him, and miss the wedding.
 - a) This is another way of describing what it looks like to miss the wedding as we saw in *The Parable of the Wedding Feast* in (Matthew 22:1-14).
 - b) See [Mic Drop](#)
8. You simply don't know exactly when he is coming, so be prepared at all times.
 - a) You see how this reiterates that no one knows the day or the hour! (Matthew 24:36-44)

B. The Parable of the Talents

- (1) Be Prepared to Multiply
 - (a) Well done or wicked and lazy?
- (2) Prophetic Stewardship
 - (a) What will you do with what you've been assigned to do?
 1. The next preparation message uses a kingdom assignment allegory as opposed to the wedding theme.
 2. The master is about to go away for a while and he calls in three of his servants to leave them with their individual assignments.

3. Each is given something different, specific to their role in the master's household, then he leaves.
4. Two of the servants take what they are given and are quite inventive and industrious.
5. They take their role as stewards of their master's goods quite seriously and add to what their master gave them!
6. The other servant operates out of fear and really does nothing with what he was tasked. He is afraid to make a mistake and possibly ruin even what he was handed, so he protects what he was given, adds nothing of value, keeps it exactly the same—plays it safe.
7. After an extended time away, the master returns and the first thing he wants to do is see his servants were faithful with their assignments.
8. **Prophetic Stewardship Timeout:** take your role as stewards of their master's goods quite seriously and add to what your master gave you! Notice: the precise language from Matthew 24.
 - a) Faithful Stewardship is a critical concept in your developing understanding of the Kingdom, especially the mysteries of the Kingdom. And if

you apply your “Kingdom Scribe Skills” you will see how valuable it is to connect this *Parable of the Talents* with the *Parable of the Sower* in Matthew 13:1-23. And of course, it emphasizes just how important it is to be faithful with what you have been assigned. In the context of the Olivet Discourse, and the “Double Duty Commission” to preach (and witness) the Gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world and to be the faithful and wise servant (steward) when the master returns, *The Parable of the Talents* brings it all together.

9. **Prophetic Stewardship Scriptures:** The talents **ARE THE MYSTERIES** faithful servants were left to multiply (know, uncover, reveal)! And if they are found faithful...
10. Mystery Solving is required NOT optional!
 - a) See [All That Will Be Already Is!](#) (To learn more about uncovering God’s mysteries)
 - b) See [In Him In You PART IV](#) (to learn more about faithfully stewarding God’s mysteries)
11. **Back to the Parable of the Talents:** The two who added more to what was given are reward handsomely. (The very outcome for the faithful

servants who answer the prophetic question posed in Matthew 24 correctly! *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant...?”*

12. The fearful servant who did nothing with his assignment is met with the opposite reaction.
13. We learn two key things about the kingdom economy from this fearful servant.
 - a) **First:** in the kingdom, you can reap where you have not sown—it’s an upside down kingdom.
 - b) **Second:** we learn that these servants knew that there was an assignment (beyond what is written) and that they must have known what that assignment was in advance, because after the master goes away, he has no communication with them while he is gone—and yet he still expected specific results.
14. The fearful servant attempts to hand back to his Lord only what was given to him by His Lord, and the Lord will have no part of it! He has uncovered ZERO mysteries! What does the Lord think about that?
15. The Lord calls him a “wicked and lazy servant,” affirms that yes indeed there is a time to reap where you have not sown, and that he should have done at

least something minimal, with little risk, to give his Lord even a tiny bit more than he was left with.

16. In the end we see that this wicked servant loses everything and those who multiplied their masters goods are given even more because of their faithfulness.

17. The wicked servant is removed from the masters workforce!

C. The Son of man Will Judge the Nations

(1) Be Prepared or Be Judged (Blessed or Cursed)?

(a) Prophetic Option (Final Words!)

1. In the final words of His second to last sermon before His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, Y'shua gives us a little glimpse of what the judgment will look like AFTER He returns.

a) Note: His last sermon is at the Passover preparation meal at the last supper table in the upper room (John 13-17).

2. He will sit on the throne of His glory.

3. All the nations will be gathered before Him.

4. He will separate the sheep from the goats.

5. The sheep are on His right, goats on the left.

6. To those on His right (sheep): *“Come, you are blessed; inherit the kingdom!”*
 - a) Note to self: the fruit of your true beliefs show up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your lifetime as if you were treating Me that way. And you did great!
7. To those on the left (goats): *“Depart from Me, you are cursed, inherit everlasting fire with the devil!”*
 - a) Note to self: the fruit of your true beliefs show up in the way you treated everyone throughout the course of your life as if you were treating Me that way. And you did horrible!
 - b) It all makes sense now... *“...depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”*

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. **Everyone is familiar with what we call in Christianity the “Great Commission” in Matthew 28:19-20...**
 - A. Look closely; there are two distinct parts. What are they?
 - B. Hardly anyone is familiar with the “Prophetic Commision” that came beforehand in Matthew 24. Describe that commision. (Hint: also two parts in Matthew 24:14, 45-47)

C. What is important about what comes between those two distinct parts? (Hint: Matthew 24:34)

2. In Matthew 24:1-2, Y'shua speaks of the temple coming down:

A. How might that prophetic declaration relate to John 2:18-22 and I Corinthians 3:16-17?

3. In Matthew 24:3-14, the disciples want to know what indicators they should be aware of that Y'shua will return and when all this temple destruction will take place.

A. Y'shua gives them a full overview of the end-of-the-age with a distinct mandate in Matthew 24:14. Describe that mandate in your own words.

B. You must understand two key things to understand this mandate. What is the Gospel of the Kingdom? What is the end? Please describe each. (Hint: See sermon note pages 27-30 will help.)

4. In Matthew 24:15-28, Y'shua describes the "Great Tribulation."

A. Use your own words to describe the details and warnings He issued.

5. Matthew 24:29-31 specifically gives us the timing of Y'shua's second coming...

A. What is that timing relative to the "Great Tribulation?"

B. What must come first according to Malachi 4:5-6?

- C. What will it look like when He returns and what happens to those who are true believers at that time?
 - D. Why must He return with the sound of a trumpet and how might that relate to I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Revelation 10:7; 11:15; and 14:14-16? (Sermon notes pages 39-42 will help.)
- 6. How does the one generation of Matthew 24:32-35 relate to the one generation that died in the wilderness post exodus?**
- A. Why is a single generation a supernatural accommodation considering Deuteronomy 5:9?
- 7. How does Matthew 24:36-44 relate to I Thessalonians 5:1-11?**
- A. Why is it paramount that you are ready at all times?
 - B. How does readiness relate to the story of Noah?
 - C. Who will never be prepared?
- 8. The second part of the prophetic commission shows up in Matthew 24:45-51...**
- A. What is the prophetic question posed by Y'shua?
 - B. Why does He ask a question that He does not answer, nor do we see the answer by the Gospel writer?
 - C. What is the answer? (Use the sermons notes pages 48-52 to help you work out the correct response.)
- 9. How do your answers to Question 8 relate to solving the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven?**
- A. How does this end of the age mandate relate to John 6:4-6?

- B. Why is it important to recognize that at creation everything that would ever be created was created at that time?
- C. Use the sermon notes pages 53-60 to guide you to a deeper understanding.

10. How does *The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins* in Matthew 25:1-13 support the message of preparedness in Matthew 24?

- A. How does it relate to *The Parable of the Wedding Feast* in Matthew 22:1-14?

11. Use *The Parable of the Talents* in Matthew 25:14-30 to describe what it means to be either a faithful or unfaithful steward.

- A. How does this parable support Matthew 24:45-51?
- B. Faithful stewardship is a critical concept in your developing understanding of the Kingdom, especially the mysteries of the Kingdom. How valuable it is to connect this *Parable of the Talents* with the *Parable of the Sower* in Matthew 13:1-23 and then to Matthew 24:46?
- C. Use I Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 1:25-26 to support the idea that we are required to be faithful stewards of God's mysteries.