

The background of the image is a photograph of a desert landscape. A dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the horizon. On either side of the road are low, arid hills and mountains. The sky is a pale, hazy grey. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

## II. THE KINGDOM HAS NOT 13:54-28:20

### 6. The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46

(Matthew 24:32-44)

*“The Parable of Timing”*  
*Part 1*

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- The temple and its destruction vv. 1-2
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- Tribulation vv. 6-8, 21-22
- Persecution vv. 9-10, 15-20
- Deliverance vv. 13, 15-26

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## Part 3 – The Second Coming of Christ 24:27-31

- The visible sign v. 27
- The prophetic signs vv. 28-31
  - 1) The location v. 28
  - 2) The luminaries v. 29
  - 3) The lamenting v. 30
  - 4) The lassoing v. 31



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## Part 4 – The Series of Parables 24:32-25:46

- 1) The Parable of Timing vv. 32-44
- 2) The Parable of two servants vv. 45-51
- 3) The Parable of 10 virgins vv. 1-13
- 4) The Parable of Talents vv. 14-30
- 5) The Sheep and Goats judgment vv. 31-46

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## A. Lexical Background:

### 1- Biblical usage of parables

- Compound word “παρά” alongside + “βαλλω” to cast or to throw = To throw alongside.
- Glosses:
  - 1) someth. that serves as a model or example pointing beyond itself for later realization, type, figure. (BDAG)
  - 2) a narrative or saying of varying length, designed to illustrate a truth especially through comparison or simile, comparison, illustration, parable, proverb, maxim. (BDAG)

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### B. Function of parables:

- To illustrate clear teaching (cf. Mt. 13:10-11)
- To conceal revelation (cf. Mt. 13:10-11)
- To avoid greater culpability (cf. Mt. 13:12)
- To judge Israel (cf. Mt. 13:12-13)
- To fulfill prophecy/Confirm Jesus' Messiahship (cf. Mt. 13:14-15)

\* The above is taken from Dane Roger's breakout session in Duluth.

## 1- Biblical usage of parables

### C. Rules for parables:

- 1) The author's argument is prioritized over theological comparison.
- 2) The reality behind the parable must be understood.  
(ex. Agricultural imagery, wedding imagery)
- 3) Details must not be unnecessarily stressed  
(especially over the main point).
- 4) Context is king!

## C. Rules for parables:

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#### RULE #5:

The Parable MUST correlate to instruction previously delivered.

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### 3. The Fig Tree vv. 32-35

#### A. Determining what it says:

➤ The illustration v. 32

- “now learn”
- “this parable from the fig tree”

Tender branches + Leaves = Nearing Summer



### 3. The Fig Tree vv. 32-35

#### A. Determining what it says:

➤ The comparison v. 33

- “when you see all these things” (vv. 4-31)
- “know that He is near”

### 3. The Fig Tree vv. 32-35

#### A. Determining what it says:

➤ The duration v. 34

- “Assuredly, I say to you”
- “this generation”
- “will not pass away till all... takes place”

### 3. The Fig Tree vv. 32-35

#### A. Determining what it says:

➤ The authority v. 35

- “Heaven and earth will pass away”
- “My words will by no means pass away”

### 3. The Fig Tree vv. 32-35

#### B. Determining what to do:

- Jesus uses the fig tree signaling summer to illustrate the signs signal the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.
- The generation that sees the signs will see the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.
- God's Word is the ultimate authority!

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## 4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

### A. Determining what it says:

- The content
- The conflict
- The context
- The conclusion

## 4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

### A. Determining what it says:

#### ➤ The content:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> coming vv. 37, 39, 42, 44
- The unknown with the known v. 36
- The comparison vv. 37-39
- The taking and leaving vv. 40-41
- The warning vv. 42-44

## 4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

### A. Determining what it says:

- The conflict: (Rapture?)
  - Post-trib connects vv. 30-31 with 36-44
  - Pre-trib
  - Something else...



## Pre-tribulational rapture arguments: Dr. John Hart

- 1) Signs (vv. 4-31) versus no signs (v. 36)
- 2) Introductory “peri de” (v. 36)
- 3) That “day and hour” (v. 36)
- 4) Normalcy comparison to Noah’s day (v. 37)
- 5) Harmony of the OD and teachings of Paul
- 6) Harmony of the OD and teachings of Peter
- 7) The ones taken and left behind (vv. 40-41)
- 8) The thief imagery (vv. 42-43)
- 9) The exhortation to watch (v. 42)

## 4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

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