



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*”
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- The question about temple, 2nd coming, and end of age v. 3

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- Deception vv. 4-5, 23-26
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- Persecution vv. 9-10, 15-20
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- 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 + “βάλλω” 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)

C. Rules for parables:

1- Biblical usage of 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 2nd coming.
- The generation that sees the signs will see the 2nd coming.
- God's Word is the ultimate authority!

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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:
 - 2nd 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)

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #1: Peri De

- Used to introduce a new subject. (cf. 1 Cor. 7:1, 25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1, 12; 1 Thess. 5:1)
- Subject is modified by context. (cf. 1 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 5:1)
- The Rapture is contextually absent
- Peri de is modifying a parable about timing vv. 32-35

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #1: Peri De

- Simple Summary –

The signs show nearness, but the day and hour is not known.

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #2: The “day and hour”

- If someone sees the “AoD” then they know the 2nd Coming would be. (cf. Rev. 11:2-3 “1260 days”)
- Relies on figurative sense when plain sense makes good sense.
- The mention of “day” and “hour” specifies a time period.

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #2: The “day and hour”

- Simple Summary –

The signs show nearness, but the day and hour is not known

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #3: Normalcy

- With the calamity happening on the earth, the routines of life do not fit.
- Remember that this is a development to a parable.

The conflict: (Rapture?)

➤ My Rebuttal:

Argument #3: Normalcy

- Simple Summary –

Despite the signs people will not turn to the Lord and will perish in the judgments of the Day of the LORD.

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

A. Determining what it says:

- The conflict: (Possible Views)
 - A. The pre-tribulational rapture.
 - B. The beginning of signs is not known.
 - C. The nearness is known but not the arrival.

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 context:
 - The unknown v. 36
 - 1) No one knows
 - 2) Not even the angels of heaven
 - 3) But My Father only

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

A. Determining what it says:

- The context:
 - The comparison vv. 37-39
 - 1) The days of Noah v. 37
 - 2) Not heeding the warnings v. 38
 - 3) Swept up in judgment v. 39
 - i. “took them all away” (“ $\tilde{\eta}\rho\varepsilon\nu$ ” aorist form of $\alpha\tilde{\iota}\rho\omega$ = “taken away”)

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

A. Determining what it says:

- The context:
 - The happening vv. 40-41
 - 1) Two men... one taken, one left v. 40
 - 2) Two women... one taken, one left v. 41
 - i. “taken” (*παραλαμβάνεται* to take with)

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

A. Determining what it says:

- The context:
 - The lesson vv. 42-44
 - 1) Watch v. 42
 - 2) Know v. 43
 - 3) Be ready v. 44

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

A. Determining what it says:

- The content
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➤ The conclusion:

4. The Days of Noah vv. 36-44

- 1) The signs show nearness, but the *Parousia* is unknown.
- 2) The days of Noah... the warning is there but people will not be ready.
- 3) Those taken are taken in the judgment of the DotL.
- 4) Those left enter the new age of the kingdom (as Noah entered a new age).
- 5) The command is: watch, know, and be ready.
(cf. 24:13)



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