

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 earthy browns, tans, and greys.

# 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 2*

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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)

## 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:

### 1- Biblical usage of parables

#### 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)



## 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 –

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## 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” (“ἔρπεν” aorist form of αἶρω = “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
- The conflict
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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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