

What Jesus Prophesied About the End Times

Part 2: Matthew 24:42-25:12

Matt. 24:32 ¶ “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

*Matt. 24:33 so, you [= Jewish disciples in Judea] too, **when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.***

*Matt. 24:34 “Truly I say to you, this generation [= nation/Israel] will not pass away **until all these things take place.***

Matt. 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

*Matt. 24:36 ¶ “**But [Gk. peri de = Now concerning] of that day [= time period] and hour [= point of time] no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.***

You can absolutely know when the Tribulation will END. But you cannot know when it will _____ . Jesus does not even know that time!

*Matt. 24:37 “**For [= because] the coming [= arrival] of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.***

*Matt. 24:38 “For as in those days before the flood **they** were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, **until the day that Noah entered the ark,***

*Matt. 24:39 and **they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away;** so will the coming [= arrival] of the Son of Man be.*

The “arrival” of Jesus the Messiah back to Earth will be marked, not with His being seen visibly, but with God’s _____ on evil mankind in the Tribulation. This will be a time comparable to Noah’s time when evil mankind was _____ with God’s judgment. The beginning of God’s judgments in the Tribulation and the beginning of Jesus’s “arrival” are _____ events!

And that leaves us to wonder where is the Church in all of this?

*Matt. 24:40 “Then [= the time of Jesus’ parousia/the beginning of the Tribulation] there will be two men in the field; **one will be taken [= taken to be close to someone]** and one will be left [= abandoned].*

*Matt. 24:41 “Two women will be grinding at the mill; **one will be taken [= taken to be close to someone]** and one will be left [= abandoned].*

*Matt. 16:18 “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build My church [= assembly];** and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.*

Jesus prophesied what we call the _____ of His church and this event could happen at any moment.

1Th. 4:13 ¶ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep [= dead physically], so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

*1Th. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.***

*1Th. 4:15 For this we say to you **by the word of the Lord,** that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*

1Th. 4:16 For the Lord Himself will **descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th. 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain **will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air [= sky/space], and so we shall always **be with the Lord**.**

1Th. 4:18 Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.

1Th. 5:1 ¶ **Now** [= Gk. *peri de* = now concerning] as to the times and the epochs, **brethren** [= children of God/Church], you have no need of anything to be written to you.

1Th. 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night** [note: unpredictable!].

1Th. 5:3 While **they** are saying, “**Peace and safety!**” then destruction will come upon **them** suddenly like labor pains [= Gk. *odin* = first pains of labor] upon a woman with child, and **they** will not escape [Note: but the Church will].

Matt. 24:42 ¶ “Therefore be on the **alert** [= awake/watchful], for you **do not know which day** your Lord is coming.

Matt. 24:43 “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known **at what time of the night the thief was coming**, he would have been on the alert [= awake/watchful] and would not have allowed his house to be **broken into**.

Matt. 24:44 “For this reason you also **must be ready**; for the Son of Man is coming **at an hour when you do not think** [= expect] **He will**.

*Matt. 24:45 ¶ “Who then [= therefore] **is the faithful [= reliable, trustworthy] and sensible [= wise, prudent] slave** whom his master **put in charge of his household** to give them their food at the proper time?*

*Matt. 24:46 “Blessed [= happy, privileged] is that slave whom his master finds so doing **when he comes.***

*Matt. 24:47 “Truly I say to you that **he will put him in charge of all his possessions.***

*Matt. 24:48 “**But if that evil slave [note: this is the same slave!!!] says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’***

Matt. 24:49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

*Matt. 24:50 the master of that slave will come on a day [= time period] **when he does not expect him and at an hour [= point of time] which he does not know,***

*Matt. 24:51 and will cut him in pieces and **assign him a place [= Gk. meros = assignment/share/privilege] with the hypocrites; in that place [= Gk. meros = assignment/share/privilege] there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth [= severe grief].***

Jesus Christ was the first to prophesy that each disciple in His Church would be _____ after the Rapture.

***2Cor. 5:10** For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be **recompensed** for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

1John 2:28** ¶ Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him **in shame at His coming [= arrival].

Matt. 25:1 ¶ **“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.**

Matt. 25:2 **“Five of them were foolish [= stupid], and five were prudent [= thoughtful].**

Matt. 25:3 **“For when the foolish took their lamps [= torches], they took no oil with them,**

Matt. 25:4 **but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps [= torches].**

Matt. 25:5 **“Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.**

Matt. 25:6 **“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’**

Matt. 25:7 **“Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps [= torches].**

Matt. 25:8 **“The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps [= torches] are going out.’**

Matt. 25:9 **“But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’**

Matt. 25:10 **“And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.**

The issue during the Tribulation is not that you are ready for a surprise, but that you are ready for a _____.

Matt. 25:11 **“Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’**

Matt. 25:12 **“But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know [= Gk. oida = know, recognize, respect, honor] you.’**

1Th. 5:12 ¶ *But we request of you, brethren, that you **appreciate** [= know = Gk. oida] those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,*

1Th. 5:13 *and that you **esteem them very highly** in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

Jesus revealed that there would also be an accountability and proper _____ of His Jewish disciples at the end of the Tribulation.

Conclusions:

Jesus can be for us like a _____ who takes away the honor and kingdom authority that could be ours.

For those disciples who do not persevere in the Tribulation, their loss will be like missing the great _____ and joy of a young woman performing the torch dance at a wedding celebration.

The positive side of this all is that there is going to be great reward for those of us today who heed Jesus's words. For us, this means we are to "be on the _____!" The _____ is about to happen!