

Watch!

Hold On . . . I'm Coming!

Part 3

Matthew 24:42 (NKJV) Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Jesus says “watch”. What does watch mean? **EXAMINE, CONSIDER, CONTEMPLATE**

What Are We Watching For?

1. **THE RAPTURE**

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (ESV), 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 8-9(ESV)

2. **THE TRIBULATION / GREAT TRIBULATION**

Daniel 9:24-27 (ESV)

- 70 Weeks of 7 Years each = **490** years of specific time decreed upon “your people” **ISRAEL**
- 7 Weeks + 62 Weeks of 7 years each = **483** years as of today has been fulfilled
- 1 Week of 7 Years still remains to be fulfilled – this we call **THE TRIBULATION**
- 1/2 Week of 7 Years = **3 ½ YEARS** – this we call the Great Tribulation – the Bible also calls this the **TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE**

Jeremiah 30:3, 7-9, 10-11, 16-18, 22 (NKJV) For behold, the days are coming, 'says the LORD, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

⁷Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it. ⁸ 'For it shall come to pass in that day, Says the LORD of hosts, That I will break his yoke from your neck. . . Foreigners shall no more enslave them.

⁹ But they shall serve the LORD their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them. . .

¹⁰ . . . I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid. ¹¹ For I am with you, ' says the LORD, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.

¹⁶ 'Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; Those who plunder you shall become plunder, And all who prey upon you I will make a prey. ¹⁷ For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds. . . ¹⁸ 'Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan. . .

²² 'You shall be My people, And I will be your God. . . In the latter days you will consider it.

3. **THE MILLENNIAL REIGN**

Revelation 20:4, 6 (ESV)

4. **ETERNITY**

Revelation 21:1-5 (ESV)

The Imminent Event On God's Prophetic Clock Is **THE RAPTURE**.

Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV) "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Rapture Is Pictured In The Four Steps Of A Jewish Wedding.

- Step 1: The selection process: The Groom and his Father select a bride. The Groom goes to the bride with a proposal. She can reject or accept, if she accepts the Groom **PAYS A DOWRY**.
- They perform a Betrothal ceremony, sharing **BREAD AND WINE** and making a binding covenant together.
- Step 2: The groom goes home and **PREPARES A PLACE** for he and his bride **TO LIVE**.
- During the waiting period the **BRIDE** is **SET APART, SANCTIFIED** exclusively for her bridegroom.
- Step 3: The groom **RETURNS FOR HIS BRIDE** at a time **DETERMINED BY** the father
- Neither bride nor the groom knows **WHEN HE** will return. He must wait for **HIS FATHER'S OKAY**.
- Step 4: The groom comes and snatches his Bride away to his **FATHER'S HOUSE** where they live the rest of their lives together.
- The marriage is consummated and together with friends and family they **CELEBRATE THE WEDDING FEAST** for up to **SEVEN DAYS**.

The Nearness Of The Rapture Can Be Understood By **THE FIG TREE**.

- We are the **FIG TREE GENERATION**
Matthew 24:32-34 (ESV), Psalm 90:10 (ESV)

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