

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE? Part Eighteen: February 24, 2021

### The Parable of the Virgins:

- The time of the parable
- The point of the parable
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the parable
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the parable
- The interpretation of the parable
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the parable

### The Time of the Parable

- Verse 1: “Then” (context) = at the time of Christ’s coming at the \_\_\_\_\_

### The Point of the Parable

- Verse 13: “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”
  - The Lord’s return will be \_\_\_\_\_ and will catch many unprepared.

### The People of the Parable

- **Ten virgins**
  - Their number = 10
  - Their division = \_\_\_\_\_ sets of 5
  - Their \_\_\_\_\_ = 5 wise and 5 foolish (vs. 2)
  - Their similarities:
    - All had \_\_\_\_\_, became drowsy, began sleeping, woke up when the Bridegroom came, tried to get their lamps working, and desired entrance to the wedding.
  - Their differences:
    - The wise took \_\_\_\_\_ for their lamps, had functioning lamps, were ready when the Bridegroom came, were admitted to the wedding, and were known to the Bridegroom.
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ did not and were not.
- **One Bridegroom**
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5).
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10).
  - He took the wise, prepared virgins through the open door to His house.
  - He shut the \_\_\_\_\_ to the marriage.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ to open the door for the foolish virgins (vs. 11-12).
  - Note: No \_\_\_\_\_ is mentioned!

**The Symbolism of the Parable**

• **The meaning of the symbols:**

- Bridegroom = \_\_\_\_\_
- Virgins = the \_\_\_\_\_, not Israel
- The coming of the Bridegroom = Christ's coming at the \_\_\_\_\_, not at Armageddon
- The \_\_\_\_\_ = possibly that of the Rapture
- The door = the door to \_\_\_\_\_
- The marriage = the marriage \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb
- The lamps and oil = the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church's \_\_\_\_\_ to the world through the work of the Word and the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - See Matt 5:14-16: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Cor. 4:6: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Rev. 1:20: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - See Zech. 4:1-14: \_\_\_\_\_
    - The golden \_\_\_\_\_ with seven burning lamps = the light of Israel's witness
    - The two olive trees = \_\_\_\_\_ and Elijah, representative of the Law and the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Rev. 11:4: \_\_\_\_\_
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ flowing from the trees to the lamps = the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit to make His people a light to the world.
      - Zech. 4:6: \_\_\_\_\_
- The sleep and the \_\_\_\_\_ lamps = the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church's spiritual vitality and power before Christ's coming.

**The Interpretation of the Parable**

• **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the virgins**

- They are the \_\_\_\_\_!
  - All believers are part of the one Bride of Christ.
    - See Rev. 21:2, 9; 22:17: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Each believer is \_\_\_\_\_ individually to Christ.
  - See Eph. 5:25-32: \_\_\_\_\_

• **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the virgins**

- Not \_\_\_\_\_ believers because only ten.
- Each must represent a \_\_\_\_\_ of people.
  - The five wise virgins must represent \_\_\_\_\_ people because they are taken into the wedding.
  - The foolish virgins must represent unsaved people because the Bridegroom says He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ them.
    - John 10:27-28: \_\_\_\_\_
- If the virgins together represent the Church, then individually they must represent ten \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.
- Since no denomination or group is made up of all saved or unsaved people, the virgins are better seen as \_\_\_\_\_ divisions of the Church:
  - Each with a saved (\_\_\_\_\_) and unsaved (foolish) portion.

• **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the virgins**

- Why \_\_\_\_\_ wise and five foolish?
- It's hard to be dogmatic, but perhaps because only five of the \_\_\_\_\_ churches of Revelation will be in \_\_\_\_\_ at Christ's coming.
  - Only the last five letters contain specific \_\_\_\_\_ to His coming or end-time events:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 2:16)
    - Thyatira (Rev. 2:22-23)—punished in the \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 3:3)
    - Philadelphia (Rev. 3:11)
    - Laodicea (Rev. 3:16)—\_\_\_\_\_ from Christ's mouth

• **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the virgins**

- While the Bridegroom tarries, all ten grow \_\_\_\_\_ and their lamps burn low.
- When the Bridegroom comes, those who still had \_\_\_\_\_ and functioning lamps are taken, while those who did not have oil or functioning lamps were not.
  - Although sleepy and unprepared, the wise (saved) virgins still possess the genuine work of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Spirit.
  - While the foolish had the "\_\_\_\_\_ " of virgins, the coming of the

Bridegroom reveals that they are in fact unregenerate and \_\_\_\_\_  
of Christ.

**The Application of the Parable**

- **When the shout goes out, it will be too late then to get \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Lord.**
- **When the Bridegroom comes, you won't be able to rely on someone else's \_\_\_\_\_ to get you through the door of heaven.**
- **You need to make sure you have oil in your lamp \_\_\_\_\_.**

**In Conclusion**

- **What is the present \_\_\_\_\_ of your lamp?**
  - Unfilled and \_\_\_\_\_?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and smoky?
  - Trimmed and burning \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Philip. 2:14-16: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_