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## The 10 Virgin Parable; the Bridegroom comes! The Wedding Invitation includes us!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a King, that made a marriage for his Son, and He sent his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: but they would not come." Matt 22:2.

This parable was spoken by Christ in the last week of his life and is especially relevant for the end-time period of seven years. Until now, most people in western societies have not been too interested in the kingdom of heaven because money has met most of their needs and government has promised to meet the rest of it—health care, education, welfare, and people have been free to marry or divorce whomever they please so their "needs" can be met.

But life is changing. Things will never be the same again. What's happening will be like the "great voice as of a trumpet" that separates the past, present and future, Revelation 1:10,19. The scenes of Revelation are beginning.

America has been like the church of Laodicea, "rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing," but God says we are lukewarm and will be spewed out. It happened to the ancient church in Asia—the city was destroyed with an earthquake. History has lessons that repeat.

Because America in general, and some groups in particular, have not been interested in the wedding invitation when they should be, the king "burned up their city." Matt 22:7. Perhaps we can see in the destruction that is happening, a need to refocus our attention on things that are eternal and cannot be taken from us.

The Bible asks, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." But with God, "all things are possible." And it will be His truths



As John the Baptist was a forerunner before the first advent and fulfilled the role of Elijah, Christ spoke of His 2nd advent, "Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things," Matthew 17:11. We must consider truths that have been lost and help to restore them.

## Wedding Parables Compared for Endtime, Revelation

Each wedding parable supports

1. An invitation we must give
2. An unexpected calamity
3. High reward
4. Loss of destiny for preachers that don't participate

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**1. All three wedding parables support the need to invite others and for us to have light showing the way (telling how we marry the Bridegroom).**

A. The King who makes a marriage for His Son sends His *servants to bid everyone* ("bad and good," Matt 22:10) to the marriage.

B. The wise have *light to show the way*. The foolish do not and go looking for oil, Matt 25:9. (Many today lack oil from the Old Testament olive tree in Zechariah 4:3,14 because Christians tend to focus on the New Testament.

C. "Lights burning" is parallel imagery in Luke 12:35.

**2. All three wedding parables have unexpected calamity.**

A. In Matt 22:7, the "remnant" had their

## Are We Ready to Marry the Bridegroom? A Fresh Look at the Wedding Parables

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**Summary:** The wedding parables focus in the endtime when wise and foolish believers will be suddenly sorted by their readiness in a calamity (midnight cry as in Egypt when God took His people to a covenant relationship (marriage) that included the Promised (covenanted) Land that in the end-time is for Christians as well as Jews, Gal 3:29. When the world can't buy or sell without the mark of false worship, God has pledged Himself to fulfill His word. Readiness to seek a covenant in the face of calamity is key to "open unto Him immediately" and the promise that "He will make [us] ruler over all that He has." This is a call to light our lamps--"the Bridegroom comes!"

Christ's parables of the wedding garment and ten virgins in Matthew 22 and 25 are so different. They don't seem to fit together and many believers conclude they are just a metaphor about readiness for Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming when we expect to eat the marriage supper with Him in heaven.

But Christ's words suggest serious loss by the foolish virgins who lacked oil and could not find their way to the wedding when the Bridegroom came. They were shut out for a late arrival. [\[i\]](#)

The Bible explains its meaning; the oil comes from two olive trees in Zechariah 4 that represent the Old and New Testaments.

Christians focusing on the New Testament could lack an important source of oil because Christ said, "Search the Scriptures," [\[ii\]](#) and the only Scriptures in existence then were the Old Testament.

The Old Testament offers insight to an impending wedding. Speaking to Israel, God said, "Turn, O backsliding children...for I am married unto you." [\[iii\]](#) They got married at Sinai when they made a covenant with

God. [\[iv\]](#)

At the end of a prophetic time, God attacked

that separate us into the wise who get into the marriage in Matthew 25:10, or the foolish who aren't prepared.

But if you will follow this message with your Bible and look up texts to see the basis for what is being said, any who choose may be included, even "bad and good," Matthew 22:10.

In the next verse we find a man who wasn't wearing the wedding garment provided by the king, so that he was thrown out. The Bible explains that our loins are to be girded with truth, Ephesians 6:14. "Your word (Scripture) is truth," John 17:17. What we do should be covered by Scripture so that we are wearing the wedding garment.

This does not mean we are cut out if we ignorantly make mistakes, for the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men every where to repent because he has appointed a day, in which he will judge the world." Acts 17:30,31. We are entering that time of judgment and must repent (change our minds and ways of doing things) so that our lives are shaped by God's laws which have principles of self-government.

It is coming down to a choice of big government that will tell everyone what to do, how and when to do it (bondage), or freedom in God's kingdom to live in harmony with His laws that mean true equality and the worth of every person, as Moses said--

"What nation is there so great, that has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law?" Deuteronomy 4:8.

How surprised a heathen spy might have been if he could have crept into the Most Holy Place of Israel's temple in the time of Solomon to discover the secret of Israel's success and prosperity was not an idol studded with gems, but a law that has principles of fairness and wisdom for every situation in life!

In a world going crazy with lawlessness, here are principles that promote health, happiness and success in life.

The wedding invitation is a call to be part of God's kingdom.

"In the days of these kings the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom," Daniel 2:44. This kingdom is at the end of the world, in the toes of time as Daniel sees a stone cut out of a mountain. In Daniel, "mountain" represents God's people, see Dan 9:16,20.

Everyone believes they are God's people, but God is going to cut a stone out of these groups to be His special kingdom. It will be composed of those who choose the principles of His kingdom--the dominion of a King by His laws.

Based on our wise choices, "the Bridegroom comes" for us and we may marry Him in a covenant relationship as explained in the third column.

city burned for failing to appreciate the invitation. But this is more than 70 AD, because Christ blended the temple signs with "end of the world," Matt 24:3.

B. Christ is the word (John 1:1,14) and He is also "the First and the Last," Revelation 1:11. The first place that a word or phrase is found often has a meaning or context for the end-time. Using this rule, **the midnight cry in Matt 25:6 is linked to calamity at Passover in Egypt, Exodus 12:29,30.**

C. We are to be ready "that when He comes and knocks, [we] may open to Him immediately." Luke 12:36. What's His "knock"? With the Bible as it's own expositor, **the only other place that Christ knocks is in Revelation 3:20, for the church of Laodicea.** We think Jesus always knocks at our heart, wanting to be part of all that we do. We forget Christ wants us to repent of our materialism and lukewarmness. **Laodicea ended in an earthquake** that destroyed the city; a sign for us? No one denies that the description of the church at Laodicea (rich with goods, materialistic America) fits us. "What is to come has been already, and God summons each event back in its turn." Ecclesiastes 3:15, NEB.

### 3. All three wedding parables offer high reward, but a loss in destiny for church leaders.

A. We see this in **70 AD** when the temple burned, but **Christ mingled those signs as also being for the end of the world** in Matthew 24:1-3. Would God do such a thing for America that tries to bless the world? Maybe we are like that lukewarm materialistic church. We forget our slight of the wedding invitation. We think about the 2nd coming when we hope to eat the wedding supper, but we are ignorant of Bible teaching on how the wedding occurs (explained below), and church leaders failed to inform us.

B. Change in leadership is also suggested in the imagery of "Go to them that sell [oil]." **Matt 25:9. The ministry studies Scripture and distills it as oil** for the church. Earning their living doing so, they are "them that sell," but in Christ's parable, they weren't going to the wedding, and those who ask them for their input will arrive too late. This is not a good picture for preachers.

C. Luke's wedding parable has four groups, Luke 12:43-48.

1. The "little flock" that is "so doing when He comes" are made "ruler over all that He has" Luke 12:44.

2. The evil servant who thinks delay

the gods of Egypt (the Nile, cattle and frogs were subjects of the plagues) and He took His people from calamity to Sinai where they covenanted to become His kingdom and His bride. The apostle Paul refers to the Exodus and reminds us, "All these things happened to them as examples [*types* in the KJV margin]...for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."<sup>[v]</sup>

In the end-time, the bondage to Babylon will be more serious than in Egypt. No one will be able to buy or sell without conformity to false worship.<sup>[vi]</sup> In a time of judgment<sup>[vii]</sup> [*krisis* is the Greek word], God is going to afflict our gods and a call will be given to come out of Babylon.<sup>[viii]</sup> Babylon (confusion) will be worldwide, but in that crisis, God is not taken by surprise. He says, "There is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning."<sup>[ix]</sup> In the book of beginnings, God covenanted with Abraham to give him land for his seed.<sup>[x]</sup> The promise is bigger than Jews. "If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"--that land is *our* land,<sup>[xi]</sup> and after an end-time calamity when Jerusalem will be taken, "then shall the Lord go forth to fight against those nations."<sup>[xii]</sup>

In the "latter day,"<sup>[xiii]</sup> God says, I will bring them from the north country [Babylon<sup>[xiv]</sup>] and gather them from the ends of the earth...the blind and the lame, the woman with child...a great throng shall return there...He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd does his flock...Your children shall come back to their own border."<sup>[xv]</sup>

This is not optional because it's the context of the New Covenant Promise to put God's law in our hearts, a promise without which we cannot see God and live.<sup>[xvi]</sup> Ezekiel has similar support. "I will take you from among the heathen and gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land. Then [New Covenant Promise to write His law in our hearts] and "you shall dwell in the land that I gave your fathers."<sup>[xvii]</sup>

This is not just Jews. In the following chapter God tells Ezekiel to take two sticks, one stick for Judah and another stick for Israel "and they will become one stick in your hand."

<sup>[xviii]</sup> Who are they?

Israel is the 10 tribes that were scattered; many intermarried and became Christians. "If ye be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed."<sup>[xix]</sup> In the end-time, Christians who

The times ahead will test us and our faithfulness to the covenant and we will learn more, but we also learn by sharing, even as light gets greater by sharing what we have.

The King "sent his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding." We become His servants by inviting others to consider the invitation.

May God bless and guide us as we seek to conform our lives to His principles in these troublous times when the kingdoms of this world are falling apart and have nothing to offer us except empty promises, and a New World Order that will soon force everyone against God's will as shown in Revelation 13:17.

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One important truth for end-time that we overlook is the "appointed times" that God instituted to teach truths in His plan of salvation.

Passover was when God said, "I will execute judgment!" Exodus 12:12. Judgment fell on Jericho in the context of unleavened bread (Passover) in Joshua 5:11-13. Sodom also received judgment in that context, Gen 19:3.

The disciples were probably thinking "Passover" for the judgments that Christ said would come at the end of the world (their question in Matt 24:3) when three times He said, "You don't know the day or hour..."

#1. The Greek word, *eido*, does not mean can't know, won't know, never know. It means "be aware, consider, understand or perceive. Christ was saying, You don't understand, or It's not like you think... and each time He said it, He gave an example that fit a provision in their law for Passover one month later, like for travel, or

#2. "As in the days of Noah," the Flood came with Passover timing, but in the 2nd spring month, Gen 7:4, 11. These provisions for 2nd Passover were based on Numbers 9:10, 11

#3. **You don't know...**but if the goodman had known...he would have watched..." Matthew 24:43.

This clue by Christ is another link to 2nd Passover as shown by the *only* text with "goodman" in the Old Testament-- Proverb 7:18-20 where a harlot says the goodman is on a long journey (a provision for 2nd Passover in Numbers

and smites fellow servants is lost as unbelievers, Luke 12:45,46. This is New World Order forcing compliance by marking everyone, Revelation 13:17.

3. **The ministry "that knew** his Lord's will and prepared not" **...shall be beaten with many stripes**, Luke 12:47.

4. Church members they did not inform "that knew not...shall be beaten with few stripes."

**Confirmation:** The *aggelos* (messenger or preacher to the lukewarm church of Laodicea) is "naked." **Naked means he is not wearing a wedding garment and will be thrown out**, Matthew 22:11-13. These are parallel passages--Luke's wedding parable (12:35,36,44) has several parallels to the message for Laodicea.

In Amos 1, Israel cheers as God promises to punish their enemies, but their joy soon turns to sorrow as God promises them punishment also for "three transgressions or for four." Every denomination today has at least three or four areas that they are not following the light. God's movement in the end-time must transcend denominational lines.

**Our choices determine our readiness and destiny:**

"By faith Noah...by faith Moses..." None of them knew except they had the word of God, and He "will not do anything [except] He reveals His secret..." Amos 3:7. We must be like Bereans who studied to see if Scripture supports it. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," Romans 14:23.

**The King's servants bid to the marriage** and have light to show the way. If we aren't inviting others and don't have light to show how we can marry the Bridegroom, we're not included

**So how do we marry the Bridegroom?**

When Christ said, "Search the Scriptures...they testify of Me," the only Scriptures in existence were the Old Testament. There we see God appealing to Israel to turn to Him, "I am married to you," Jeremiah 3:14. When did they get married? **God took Israel from calamity** in Egypt to a covenant relationship at Sinai. That's how they got married, and became His kingdom. "All those things happened unto them for examples [types, margin] and they are written for our admonition...ends of the world" 1Corinthians 10:1,11. We are headed for calamity, as shown above, #2, but we can marry Christ if we make a covenant with Him when He "knocks" if we "open to Him immediately," Luke 12:36.

See how [Christ's knock is an earthquake](#)

...as it was for ancient Laodicea!

accept the *torah*, a word translated as "law" over 200 times, will blend with Judah (Jews who accept the Messiah) and they will be united in one kingdom.

The signal for Ezekiel 37 will be "a shaking" that fits the "midnight cry" imagery of Matthew 25. The Rule of 1<sup>st</sup> Use offers insight. It states that where a word or phrase is first found, it often has a context or meaning for the end-time because Christ is the Word... "the First and the Last."<sup>[xx]</sup> The first place we find a midnight cry is when calamity fell on the Egyptians. This supports a calamity as the source of the midnight cry. The apostle Paul says, "The day of the Lord" comes with "sudden destruction."<sup>[xxi]</sup> The phrase, "the day of the Lord" is the Old Testament apocalyptic period, often with an earthquake<sup>[xxii]</sup> in the context as the "shaking" above.

The thought of sudden destruction could startle us, but "surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets."<sup>[xxiii]</sup> Yet few read the next phrase or understand it: "The lion has roared, who will not fear?" Christ is the Lion of Judah<sup>[xxiv]</sup> and His "roar" is an earthquake—"The Lord also will roar...the earth will shake."<sup>[xxv]</sup>

Different passages use different imagery. A well-known text is, "I stand at the door and knock."<sup>[xxvi]</sup> We understand that Christ wants to be part of all that we do, but it's also an apocalyptic message. We are lukewarm with materialism and He may help us refocus as He did with the ancient church of Laodicea that ended in an earthquake.

The only other place where Christ "knocks" is Luke 12:36 where we must "open unto Him immediately." This is a wedding parable and "He will make [us] ruler over all that He has" if we are "so doing when He comes,"<sup>[xxvii]</sup> which includes "watching" as a protection... Just as God spared His people when they put blood on the doorpost, we may also be spared if we will "watch and pray." Christ said, "If the goodman had known...he would have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken."<sup>[xxviii]</sup> "If you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief"<sup>[xxix]</sup> (and break your house?)

Some people think watching means to be spiritually aware, but everyone thinks they are aware. "Watch" is translated from the Greek word, *gregoreo*, and it means to be awake. We can't be awake every night, but

9:10,11) and he won't be home till the *yom kece*-- full moon; Passover comes on a full moon

**In a striking fulfillment** of this, the pope is the "goodman" (Bene means "good") and he went to Jerusalem (long journey with a bag of money (wealthy church, owns much property in Jerusalem) and he went on the very day of 2nd Passover in 2009, May 10/11--full moon, see your calendar.

**#4. The pope's Jerusalem visit at 2nd Passover** (above link) suggests the possibility that Christ's final example, His coming at Bridegroom, will also come at **2nd Passover** because after 5 virgins missed the marriage, He said, "Watch... for the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling..." There's that provision again from Numbers 9:10,11.

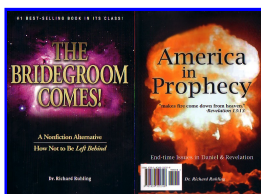
Christ would be taking the far journey to heaven, and His return will conform to the law that is in effect "till heaven and earth pass" (Matt 5:18).

If you don't watch [be awake], I will come on you as a thief" Rev 3:3.

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## The Earthquake & the Seven Seals



We can marry the Bridegroom (Matt 25:6) by making a covenant. Bible covenants were linked to sevens.

**In making a covenant with Christ, the Messiah, we recognize things that He has emphasized seven times are a mark of end-time truth, just as Revelation, a book of sevens, is for the end-time.**

**The seven seals are topics that have a seven-fold emphasis in Scripture and**

**there was only one night in the year that Israel was to watch—on the eve of Passover. "That same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord by all the Israelites throughout their generations."**<sup>[xxx]</sup>

Christ altered the observance of Passover by instituting unleavened bread and wine, but He also enjoined watching and prayer that night,<sup>[xxxii]</sup> but we gloss over it. Passover is a memorial to the greatest events in the Old and New Testaments--deliverance physical and spiritual bondage, first from Egypt, and then from sin.

Judgment was *executed*<sup>[xxxiii]</sup> on the Egyptians and the Bible supports similar for us —"In the day of the Lord's sacrifice [Passover] I will punish the princes and king's children..."<sup>[xxxiii]</sup>

The disciples were probably thinking of Passover when Christ spoke of calamities and He may have read their minds when He said, **You don't know the day or hour! He said it three times, and each time He said it, He gave an example that fit a provision in their law for**

Passover a month later,<sup>[xxxiv]</sup> "as in the days of Noah," when the Flood came with Passover timing, but in the second spring month.

Again after five virgins missed the wedding He said, "Watch...for the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country."<sup>[xxxv]</sup>

Long journeys were often taken in the spring by people who kept Passover a month later after returning. Christ was going on a long journey. His clues suggest His return in judgment as the law prescribes, because "till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."<sup>[xxxvi]</sup>

We forget that Paul kept those annual feasts with early believers<sup>[xxxvii]</sup> and said, "Follow me as I follow Christ."<sup>[xxxviii]</sup> He also said they were "a shadow of things to come"<sup>[xxxix]</sup> which means they weren't all fulfilled.

No doubt Paul was familiar with Zephaniah's "day of the Lord's sacrifice [when God] will punish...the king's children clothed in strange apparel." The day of the Lord's sacrifice is Passover and those who are unprepared for a covenant relationship with the Bridegroom

may be those in "strange apparel."<sup>[xi]</sup> These passages suggest that pastors are at high risk because the True Witness tells them as messengers [*aggelos* is the Greek word] to the church of Laodicea that they are "naked." As such, they don't have the wedding garment required in Matthew 22:11.

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Some would say this is taking "naked" in Revelation 3 out of context and applying it to the wedding parable, but Luke's wedding parable<sup>[xlii]</sup> has six similarities to the Laodicean message. This means Revelation 3:14-21 is a wedding invitation and those who don't see an opportunity for a covenant could be "naked,"—unable to answer the door when Christ knocks.

Everyone today has a full plate. Calamity is not on our wish list, but unless we see this imagery connected with "the day of the Lord" and the wedding parables, we could miss our high destiny. Watching and prayer on the eve of Passover would be a great help, but this need has been obscured by customs and traditions, like Easter v Passover.

Our need of understanding is increased by two timelines that intersect this spring. May 19, 1780 was a historic "Dark Day" in New England. "The darkness was so complete that candles were required from noon on. It did not disperse until the middle of the next night." Many took the unexplained darkness as an apocalyptic sign.<sup>[xliii]</sup>

The anniversary 200 years later was another dark day on May 19, 1980 as ash from Mt. St. Helens erupting May 18, spread over three northwestern states. Was this just a coincidence, or was God marking May 19 and confirming His word of what He foreknew? "The day of the Lord [is]...a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness."<sup>[xliv]</sup>

The second timeline is the late Passover discussed above. It was the focal point of Christ's clues like "the days of Noah" or "as a man traveling to a far country." This spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Passover falls on May 19. Time will tell if this is mere coincidence or if we will be spared by watching and prayer. There are additional reasons beyond the scope of this article, but since Christians are to pray without ceasing, why not on the night God appointed [the Hebrew word is *mo'ed*] to commemorate our liberation when Christ sweat blood for us.<sup>[xlv]</sup>

Since Christ asked His followers to watch and pray, maybe we should pray on the evening of May 18 that God will pass over us in any judgment that falls. On the other hand, *maybe* like Elijah, we should pray that God will bring judgment to America to turn us to Him. Can we continue to ask God to bless America when leaders kick Him out of courtrooms and classrooms?

May 19 sounds like "time-setting," but God is the time-setter. The Hebrew word, *mo'ed*, means set or appointed times. He appointed



these times “forever.”<sup>[xlv]</sup> Did God forget they would be “nailed to the cross”? Or were they nailed to the cross in the sense that all works of the flesh are nailed to the cross and nothing we can do can earn our salvation? The last time the disciples saw Christ, they asked Him, Will you restore the kingdom to Israel at this time? He replied, “It is not for you to know the times and seasons.”<sup>[xlvi]</sup> But Paul takes the same phrase, saying, Of the times and seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write you, for you know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night when they shall say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction comes.<sup>[xlvii]</sup> Who can deny we are living in such a time? “The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain King, which made a marriage for his Son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding.”<sup>[xlviii]</sup> By definition, God’s servants will be inviting others *to a wedding*. This is also implied by the wise who have light to show the way. In a time of crisis, the foolish who have not been studying are short of oil and do not see their way to the wedding. It’s time that wise virgins refocus on their calling to a marriage and share their understanding (light their lamps) so that others may be ready too. Because the foolish need to know how to find the wedding and Christ requires an “immediate” response,<sup>[xlix]</sup> those who understand this information should share it with others so that everyone who loves the Bridegroom can be included in the wedding. Both “bad and good” are to be invited; the King decides who stays.<sup>[i]</sup> May we not hear, “You knew?—Why didn’t you tell me?”

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For SDAs: Ellen White faced opposition from leaders and probably could not write all that she wanted to, but “here a little, there a

little”<sup>[ii]</sup> she supported the statutes, judgments, annual Sabbaths and a covenant that we will need

to make. For more on this, please visit

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<sup>[i]</sup> Matthew 25:1-13, KJV unless otherwise stated

<sup>[ii]</sup> John 5:38

<sup>[iii]</sup> Jeremiah 3:14

- [\[iv\]](#) Exodus 19:5,6
- [\[v\]](#) 1 Corinthians 10:1,11, NKJV
- [\[vi\]](#) Revelation 13:15-17
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