

EYE WITNESSES OF THE END TIMES—7

“Applications Related to the End Times”

Matthew 24:32—25:46

Introduction. _____

This section is an exhortation by our Lord to the Tribulations saints to be faithful and it ends with judgment. Note the divisions:

I. FIRST, NOTICE A PARABLE ABOUT A FIG TREE AND A FLOOD (24:32-39).

- A. First, note the elements of the parable (24:32-33).
- B. Secondly, notice the emblems of the fig tree and the flood (24:32-39).
 - 1. Consider the emblem of the fig tree (24:23-36).
 - 2. Notice the emblem of the flood (24:37-39).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE SOME PARABLES ABOUT FORMATION AND FORESIGHT (24:40-51).

- A. First, note the examples of the fellows and the females (24:40-42).
- B. Secondly, consider the explanation of the householder and two servants (24:45-51).
 - 1. First, He identifies the faithful servants (24:45-47).
 - 2. Secondly, He classifies the evil servant (24:48-51).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER SOME PARABLES ABOUT AVAILABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Matthew 25:1-30).

- A. First, there is the parable about availability (25:1-13).

- 1. First, note some things that need to be considered about this parable.
 - a. There is a need to recognize this as a selective account.
 - b. We may not be looking at a typical wedding.
 - c. We need to lay aside our modern-day assumptions about weddings, bride maids and lamps.
 - d. We need to rid ourselves of the false idea that the five foolish virgins ran out of oil.

- 2. Secondly, notice how the parable can be communicated or paraphrased.

B. Secondly, there is the parable about accountability (24:14-30).

Two days of accountability:

- 1. First, there is the day of responsibility (25:14-18).
- 2. Secondly, here is the day of reckoning (25:19-30).
 - a. First, notice the reckoning related to the worthy servants (25:19-23).
 - b. Secondly, note the reckoning related to the worthless servant (25:24-30).

IV. FOURTHLY, NOTE SOME TRUTHS ABOUT JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE (Matthew 25:31-46).

A. First, there is the _____ (25:31).

B. Secondly, there is the _____ (25:32-33).

C. Thirdly, there is the _____ (25:34-46).

- 1. First, look at the _____ of happiness declared by the Redeemed (25:34-40).
- 2. Secondly, consider the _____ and horror disclosed by the rejected (25:41-46).