**Eight Parables**

**Fig Tree**

**Ps. 90:10 –** As for the days of our life, they contain **seventy years**, Or if due to strength, **eighty years**, Yet their pride is *but* labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.

**Micah 4:4** – Each of them will sit under his vine And under his **fig tree**, With no one to make them afraid, For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

**Rev. 12:6-17 –**6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 “For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.” 13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child.* 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

**John 13:27**-After the morsel, **Satan then entered into him**. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.”

**John 17:12 –** While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the **son of perdition**, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

**2 Thess. 2:3 –** Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, **the son of destruction**.

**Comparison of the Two Men and Women**

**Son of Man**

**DANIEL 7:13:** “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a **Son of Man** was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

**MARK 14:61–64:** 61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am; and you shall see THE **SON OF MAN** SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” 63 Tearing his clothes, the high priest said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 “You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?” And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

**Other Matthean Judgments**

**MATTHEW 13:30:** ‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First **gather up the tares** and bind them in bundles to **burn** them up; but gather the **wheat into my barn**.” ’ ”

**MATTHEW 13:41–43:** 41 “The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will **gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks**, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will **throw them into the furnace of fire**; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 “**Then THE RIGHTEOUS** WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN **in the kingdom** of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**MATTHEW 13:48–50:** 48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. 49 “So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and **take out the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire**; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**MATTHEW 25:41–46:** 41 “**Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels**; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ 44 “Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ 45 “Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 “**These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life**.”

**MATTHEW 25:34–40:** 34 “**Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**. 35 ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’

**Lukan parallel passage**

**LUKE 17:26–37:** 26 “And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 “It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 “It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31 “On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. 32 “Remember Lot’s wife. 33 “Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 “I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 “There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. 36 “Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.” **37 And answering they said to Him, “Where, Lord?” And He said to them, “Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered.**”

**EZEKIEL 39:4–5:** 4 “You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of **predatory bird and beast of the field**. 5 “You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord GOD.

**EZEKIEL 39:17–18:** 17 “As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Speak to **every kind of bird and to every beast of the field**, “Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 “You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as though they were rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

**MATTHEW 24:28:** “Wherever the corpse is, there the **vultures** will gather.

**REVELATION 19:17–18:** 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all **the birds** which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”

**REVELATION 19:21:** And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all **the birds** were filled with their flesh.

**Switch from *airō* to *paralambanō***

**MATTHEW 24:36–41:** 36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 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, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and **took** them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be **taken** and one will be left. 41 “Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be **taken** and one will be left.

**JOHN 14:1–3:** 1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and **receive** you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

**MATTHEW 4:5:** Then the devil **took** [*paralambanō*] Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

**MATTHEW 4:8:** Again, the devil **took** [*paralambanō*] Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

**MATTHEW 12:45:** “Then it goes and **takes** [*paralambanō*] along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”

**MATTHEW 27:27:** Then the soldiers of the governor **took** [*paralambanō*] Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him.

**JOHN 19:16:** So he then **handed Him over** [*paralambanō*] to them to be crucified.

**2 KINGS 2:1:** And it came about when the LORD was about to **take up** [*alah*] Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

**2 KINGS 2:3:** Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will **take away** [*laqach*] your master from over you today?” And he said, “Yes, I know; be still.”

**2 KINGS 2:5:** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will **take away** [*laqach*] your master from over you today?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be still.”

**JOHN 19:15–16:** 15 So they cried out, “**Away with Him** [*airō*], away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16 So he then **handed Him over** [*paralambanō*]to them to be crucified.

**MATTHEW 13:39:** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are **angels**.

**MATTHEW 13:49:** “So it will be at the end of the age; the **angels** will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous

**Day of hour can be known in the Tribulation**

**MATTHEW 24:36:** “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

**MATTHEW** 24:42: Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

**Matt. 25:13**-Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:2–8:** 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

**REVELATION 16:15:** “Behold, I am coming **like a thief**. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”

**GENESIS 6:3:** Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years**.”

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**2 PETER 2:5:** and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a **preacher** of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

**Normal Activities at the End of the Tribulation?**

**Dave Hunt**

“When Christ says, “As it was in the days of Noah and Lot,” it is absolutely certain that He is not describing conditions that will prevail at the time of the Second Coming. Therefore, these must be the conditions which will prevail just prior to the Rapture at a different time—and, obviously, before the devastation of the tribulation period.”

**Roy Zuck**

“Usually a parable, like a sermon illustration, is teaching a single truth. When Jesus explained a number of His parables, He usually…stated one spiritual truth. For example when the man found his one lost sheep, he rejoiced, and Jesus said this illustrates the truth that there is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:7)...He gave one simple spiritual lesson, and made no attempt to see any spiritual significance to the vineyard, the denarius, or the sixth hour, the ninth hour, or the eleventh hour, nor the vineyard foreman…To hunt for meanings in every detail in the parables is to turn them into allegories.” Roy Zuck, *Basic Bible Interpretation*, p. 215-16.

***Peri De* (“Now Concerning”) construction**

**MATTHEW 24:36:** “But (***peri de***) of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

**Wise Servant**

Heb. 4:12-For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Sheep and Goats**

**Matthew 25:31–32** – 31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Rom. 9:3-For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my **brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh

Jas. 2:20-But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

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