

JESUS...WHAT'S THE STORY?

Parable of the Ten Virgins (Bridesmaids)

Matthew 25:1-13

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Bottom Line:

Christians are called to be alert and ready for the return of Jesus Christ, which He Himself promised would occur at some point in the future.

Jesus Christ makes it clear that:

1. He will _____ visibly to the earth.

Matthew 25:1-6

- Stages of a Jewish wedding in New Testament times:

A) **E** _____ - occurred long before the actual wedding. Generally, the fathers who were giving their children in marriage made an official contract with each other.

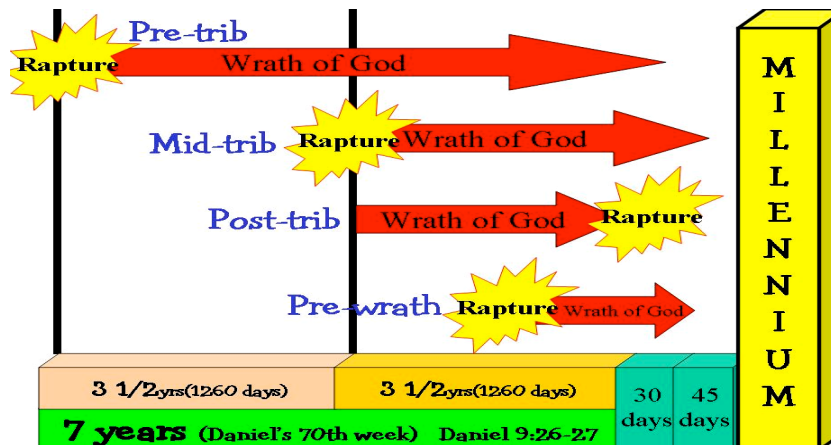
B) **Betrothal** - an official ceremony in which the couple came together to make binding vows and were then considered officially married.

C) **Marriage F** _____ - the bridegroom returned from making preparations for his bride. He would arrive at the bride's house where the bride and all the bridesmaids would be waiting for him. Then they would all go through the village at night with torches in a celebration of singing, talking, and feasting unequalled by any other social event.

Jesus Christ makes it clear that:

2. We will not know the exact _____ of His return.

Matthew 25:5,15; Matthew 24:36-38, 44; Mark 13:32-33;
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4



Jesus Christ makes it clear that:

3. We are to be _____ for His return.

Matthew 25:7-10; Hebrews 9:28

- Important components of "readiness":

Received salvation by _____

Evangelizing people around you

Actively _____ Christ

Deepening your walk with Christ

Yielding to the Lord _____

Jesus Christ makes it clear that:

4. There is a _____ coming when it will be too late.

Matthew 25:11-13