

THY KINGDOM COME Pt. 2

- Acts 1:1-11

A. WHY the KINGDOM OF GOD on EARTH?

B. Was the KINGDOM of GOD on EARTH PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO ISRAEL?

C. What EVENTS Occur Leading up to the ESTABLISHMENT of Christ's KINGDOM on EARTH? (Matthew 24-25)

1. The CONDITIONS of the First 3 ½ YEARS – the BEGINNING BIRTH PANGS. (24:4-14)

- There will be a _____ in the Middle East with _____ in the land. (Daniel 9:24-27)
- There will be massive _____ with great ecumenical involvement. (Matthew 24:4-5)
- There will be ongoing _____. (Matthew 24:6-7a)
- There will be widespread _____. (Matthew 24:7b-8)
- There will be intense _____. (Matthew 24:9-13)

2. The CHARACTERISTICS of the Last 3 ½ YEARS – the GREAT TRIBULATION. (24:15-26)

- There will be an existing _____ in Jerusalem. (Matthew 24:15)
- There will be the _____. (Matthew 24:15)
- There will be a one-world _____. (Matthew 24:15)
- There will be vicious _____. (Matthew 24:16-20)
- There will be the unparalleled _____. (Matthew 24:21-26)

3. The COMPONENTS of Christ's SECOND COMING. (Matthew 24:27-31)

- Christ's return will be from the _____ to the _____ directionally. (Mt.24:27)
- Christ's return will be _____ like "lightening" that "flashes." (Mt.24:27)
- Christ's return will involve great _____. (Mt.24:28)
- Christ's return will be accompanied by _____ in the heavens, including the sign of visually seeing the _____ (Mt.24:29-31)

4. The CORRESPONDING PARABLES about Christ's SECOND COMING. (Mt.24:32 – 25:13)

- a. The PARABLE of the FIG TREE teaches that when the generation of believers “_____ (mentioned in this chapter) _____!” (24:32-33)

* What are Christ's *two promises* connected with this? (24:34-35)

* What is Christ's *caution* regarding this? (24:36)

b. The PARABLES on PREPAREDNESS for Christ's SECOND COMING. (Mt.24:37- 25:30)

- 1) The *illustration of the days of Noah* teaches that while Noah and his family were _____ for the flood, the majority of the world was not _____ though they had been _____. The result of the flood involved taking the _____ and _____ the new world. The application: "_____ therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord _____." (24:37- 42)
 - 2) The *illustration of the householder* emphasizes the need to be “_____”: for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (24: 43–44)
 - 3) The *illustration of the servants* again indicates the need for preparedness for Christ's return as the *believer* who is “faithful and wise” will be _____ at Christ's return. (vs. 45–48), while the *unbeliever* who is “evil” procrastinates in light of Christ's return and shall be severely _____. (24: 49–51)
 - 4) The *parable of the ten virgins* reinforces the need for preparedness in light of Christ's return with the application, “_____ therefore, for you know _____ the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man _____.” (25:1–13)
 - 5) The *parable of the talents* once again distinguishes the _____ who believes and is _____ for Christ's return (and is rewarded), in contrast to the _____ who acts in _____ and is not _____ for Christ's return (and is then punished). (25:14- 30)
- * Where else are the terms, “*outer darkness*” or “*weeping and gnashing of teeth*” found? Are these terms used of believers or unbelievers or both?
- * How does all of this apply to you?