

“THE 41 PARABLES JESUS CHRIST”

28 general parables and 13 kingdom of heaven parables

Parable #24 – “THE ABSENT HOUSEHOLDER”

READ [Mark 13:33-36,37](#)

The 11th general parable of the 28 general parables

BACKGROUND:

In 445BC, with **one Bible week** equating to **seven years** (a prophetic year being 360 days), God commanded that **seventy weeks** each of **7 years**, would be determined upon Israel, that is ... **70 weeks x 7 years = 490 years** ([Daniel 9:24-27](#)).

This time frame is broken into **four** time periods of (a) **7 weeks** + (b) **62 weeks** + (c) the mystery church age of about 2,000 years + (d) **1 week = 70 weeks** and is explained as follows:

#1. **Seven** weeks of years is **7 x 7 = 49** years ... the time it takes to restore and build Jerusalem from 445BC to 396BC.

#2. **Sixty two** weeks of years is **62 x 7 = 434** years ... the time from the building of Jerusalem in 396BC to Christ being cut off at the cross in 32AD.

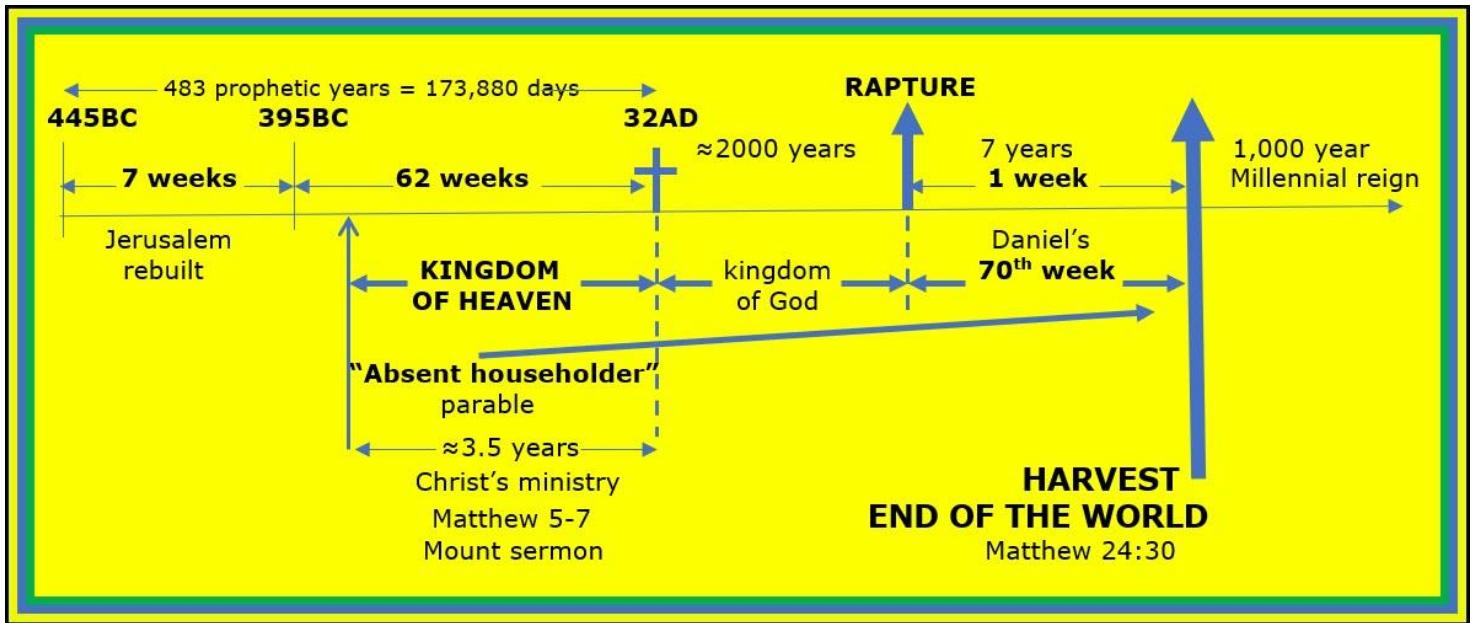
#3. The church age of approximately 2,000 years

#4. **One week** of years is **1 x 7 = 7** years ... this is the seven years of tribulation of God’s wrath upon the earth, that takes place after the rapture ... called **Daniel’s 70th week**.

The following **Timeline** will help (not drawn to scale):

[DANIEL 9:24-27](#)

*“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city ... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks**, and **threescore and two weeks** ... after **threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off ... he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week** ...”*



THE ABSENT HOUSEHOLDER" [Mark 13:32-35,36-37](#)

But of that day and that hour knoweth no man = this is the time of seven years of the tribulation of God's wrath upon the earth.

Dear Reader, the parable does not say week or month. It will be imminent ... if you are still here toward the end of the tribulation, you will be able to ascertain the week.

no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father = this is God the Father ([1 John 5:7](#))

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is = not the day or the hour but you will know the week

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house = this is Christ after the resurrection ascending bodily into heaven ... leaving his earthly house and physical body as we know it, but having another type of physical body to enter heaven ... demonstrated by his entering through the walls of the upper room; Thomas being asked to touch Christ's hand and also by Christ eating some food ([John 20:19-22,23-26,27-30](#))

and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work = the seven year tribulation will be a time of works and perseverance to the end **and commanded the porter to watch** = this is Jesus Christ himself as in "To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out." ([John 10:3](#))

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping = although this parable is about the Jewish dispensation of Daniel's 70th week, today's application would be the rapture of Christians. [This is also a reference to the five foolish virgins](#) (Matthew chapter 25).

And what I say unto you I say unto all = all those at the end of the tribulation

Watch = "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore **thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." ([Revelation 3:3](#))

TODAY'S APPLICATION:

The Christian rapture and the following seven year tribulation, the day of the Lord, will come as a thief in the night ... a complete surprise ... as people will be saying "Where is the promise of his coming?"

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." ([1 Thessalonians 5:2](#))

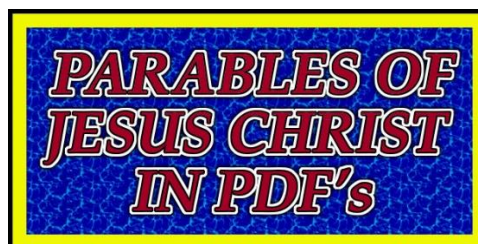
"And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." ([2 Peter 3:4](#))

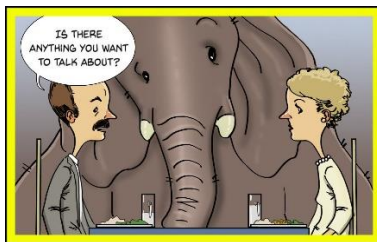
Dear Reader, let us **wait and watch ...**

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-16,17-18](#))

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